

Town of Edmonston  
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2022, Via Teleconference (ZOOM)

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and attendees were Council Members Hilary Chester, Betsy McCauley, John Johnson, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averil Gray, and Acting Police Chief Eric Beale. Council Member Sarah Turberville was absent.

2. Workshop Presentation  
Community Workshop #2  
Town of Edmonston  
Economic Development  
Strategy Project: Draft Economic Development Strategy

Richard Clinch, PhD, Director, Jacob France Institute  
Agnes Artemel, MURP, Principal, Artemel & Associates

Sam White, Project Manager, M-NCPPC  
Daniel Sams, Project Facilitator, M-NCPPC  
Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities Program

Four economic development strategies emerged from the study and those areas of priority are as follows:

1. Improve Appearance of Industrial Areas
2. Diversify Types of Businesses
3. Enhance Town's Identity and Connectivity to Neighboring Communities and Broader Region
4. Promotion Eco-friendly Development

Each area identified was accompanied by recommended Action steps, resources necessary from staff &/or Council, budget impact, potential partners, and timeframe to implement. Town Administrator Barnes reported that efforts were already underway in each of the strategic areas identified and provided examples of that work in progress. A draft of the plan will be sent to the Council for input. The finalization of the study will be completed in January 2023.

5. At 8:05 Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member McCauley to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

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Averil Gray, Town Clerk