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EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 40
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28 JUNE 2022

COMITÉ DES FINANCES ET DU DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE RAPPORT 40 LE 6 JUILLET 2022

EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 40 COMITÉ DES FINANCE ET DU DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE LE 28 JUIN 2022

4. OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN
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That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:

- Approve the adoption of a By-law to designate the area shown in Document 1 as the Ottawa International Airport Community Improvement Project Area; and
- 2. Approve the adoption of a By-law to create the Ottawa International Airport Community Improvement Plan Program as set out in Document 2.

Don Herweyer, Director, Economic Development and Long Range Planning and Cindy VanBuskirk, Program Manager, High Economic Impact Programs, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Services spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the City Clerk.

Committee then heard from the following public delegations:

Michael Tremblay, President and Chief Executive Officer, Invest Ottawa, outlined statistics prior to the pandemic. He noted the importance of connecting with other countries. He cited incentive programs from other Canadian cities and the need for this CIP.

Mark Laroche, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ottawa International Airport spoke on the extent of impacts which resulted in suspending a number of projects. He noted his appreciation for the continued support and outlined the importance of a CIP for the airport.

Sueling Ching, President and Chief Executive Officer, Board of Trade spoke in support of the report and noted the importance of the airport's role in the enhancement of economic development.

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Michael Crockatt, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ottawa Tourism also spoke in support of the CIP. He noted that the airport plays a crucial role in creating demand for Ottawa tourism and enhancing the economy.

Michelle Groulx, Executive Director, Ottawa Coalition of Business Improvement Area echoed previous delegations' comments and noted her support of the report. She also highlighted reasons this incentive will benefit the growth and prosperity as well as the city's economy.

Mike Vorobej, Hunt Club Forest, noted concerns with respect to the ecosystem, air quality, and the preservation of the forest within the area and noted his opposition to the destruction of the forest outlined in the report.

Patrick Burke, Executive Director, Glebe Business Improvement Area and Nathalie Carrier, Executive Director, Vanier Business Improvement Area registered to speak, however, had to leave the meeting prior to their turn to speak.

Questions and comments were in regard to, but not limited to, the possibility of development in the forested lands outlined in the report, the lack of a business case as well as defined criteria, the existing zoning of the area and the success of Community Improvement Plans.

During questions to staff, Committee requested that Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development staff work with the Airport Authority on defining the airport land uses, incentive ideas, and comparisons with other cities and provide this information via a memorandum to members of Council prior to the City Council meeting on July 6, 2022.

After discussion, the Committee CARRIED the report as presented.