

## STAFF REPORT: Communications and Economic Development



**REPORT TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**MEETING DATE:** September 29, 2014  
**REPORT NO.:** CEDC.14.4  
**SUBJECT:** 2014 Response to Georgian Triangle Development Institute Deputation  
  
**PREPARED BY:** Elizabeth Cornish,  
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 on behalf of the Economic Development Advisory Committee

### A. Recommendations

That Council receive Staff Report CEDC.14.4, “2014 **Response to Georgian Triangle Development Institute Deputation**” for information purposes; and

That Council **invite the Georgian Triangle Development Institute** to become a member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

### B. Background

In March 2014, Council heard a deputation from the Georgian Triangle Development Institute (GTDI) requesting the commitment of Council to support the formation of a South Georgian Bay economic development body similar to SWEA (South Western Economic Alliance). The request included:

1. Support for the formation of a South Georgian Bay Regional Economic Development Corporation or Council.
2. An undetermined amount of funding to support the administration of this Corporation or Council.

This item was referred to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) for their comments.

A delegation was made to EDAC. This delegation changed the request to Council, recommending a more informal relationship among the Economic Development stakeholders in the region. As there is no longer a specific request to Council, EDAC determined that no recommendation to Council is required.

To support the request by GTDI for a more informal alliance among Economic Development stakeholders in The Blue Mountains, EDAC recommends that GTDI be invited as a full member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

1. Managing growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community

**D. Environmental Impacts**

None.

**E. Financial Impact**

None.

**F. In Consultation With**

Troy Speck, Chief Administrative Officer

**G. Attached**

Respectfully submitted,

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