Present: Chair Doug Townsend, Elizabeth MacKenzie, Jamie Doherty, Hazel Pratt-Paige, Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Stephen Townsend.

Staff: Laura Johnston CAO/Deputy Clerk, Lorelie Spencer Manager of Planning and Development

Regrets: Jaqueline Gingrich, Andrew Lawrence.

- Call to Order: Meeting started at 9:32 with quorum.
- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: none
- Closed Session: none.
- Matters Arising from the Closed Session: none

- Consent Agenda: moved by Jamie Doherty, seconded by Elizabeth MacKenzie to accept previous minutes. Carried. Questions from Councillor Stephen Townsend regarding funds to Chamber and social media. Social media update will take place when Andrew Lawrence is present, funds will be discussed during review of West Grey CIP community input session.

- Delegation: none

Action Items:
  a) West Grey Community Improvement Plan: community input session with Stephen Furness with Grey County and Lorelie Spencer with West Grey. The members of the EDAC commented they had hoped for more participation from business owners, however, there were some good questions and good dialogue. The recorded Zoom discussion and PowerPoint used for the session will be posted on the West Grey website. Lorelie Spencer will confirm with Savannah Meyers, Grey County Economic Development Director, about economic development grant opportunities for business recovery and if interior renovations include electrical or structural updates for CIP. Discussed need to ramp up social media presence and extend
personal contact/communication with WG businesses. Other comments included businesses are looking for grants not loans, percentages of grant monies for CIP and signage (old signage covered by property standards bylaw, and CIP grant includes new signs).

- **New Business:** Councillor Doug Hutchinson suggested creation of community internet hot spots, such as the library. Durham BIA has new website and Facebook page. Elizabeth MacKenzie reported that she received a business start-up grant from Grey County for economic recovery.

- **Correspondence:** none

- **Next Meeting:** September 3, 9:30-11:00 am, via ZOOM video call.

- **Adjournment:** moved by Hazel Pratt-Paige, seconded by Jamie Doherty to adjourn at 10:44 am, carried.

Chair, Doug Townsend