

# 2021-23 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION



## **AGENDA**

- Introduction
- Overview
- Breakout Discussions
- Questions & Comments
- Next Steps



# INTRODUCTION

KEN WILLIAMS



# **OVERVIEW**

CHRIS SINGERLING



## TRUSTEE ENGAGEMENT

- More People, More Ideas
- Cross-section of Community (Business, Education, Government, Education)
- Direct Benefit/Vested Interest in Success
- Feeder System for Executive Board

\*\* also an Overreaching Strategic Priorities "action item"



### **VISION**

To become a recognized strategic resource for the Ottawa County business community, where OCIC engagement enhances private sector profitability, encourages capital investment and supports job creation.

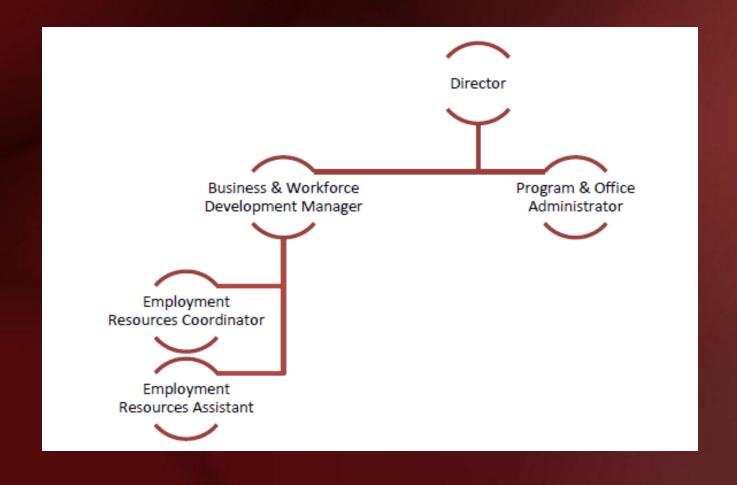


#### **MISSION**

The Ottawa County Improvement Corporation serves as the lead economic development agency by advancing, encouraging, and promoting the industrial, economic, commercial and civic development of Ottawa County.



## TEAM STRUCTURE



**Chris Singerling** 

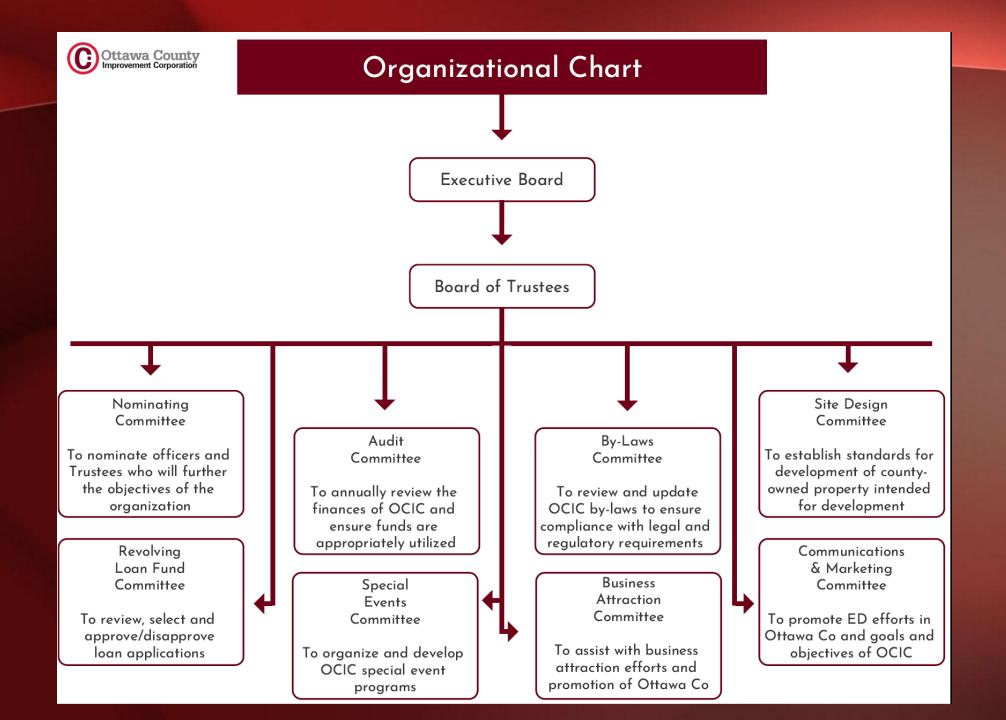
Carolyn Rodenhauser

Jessica Grzechowiak

**Chrissy Ernsberger** 

Tricia Tallman







## STRATEGIC GOALS (4 PILLARS)

Four primary areas of work have been identified as critical to implementing success in Ottawa County:

Business Retention & Expansion

**New Business Attraction** 

Workforce Development

Communications & Marketing



#### **BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION**

#### Sector-Based BRE Approach

 Work with local businesses from all sectors to identify short and long-term needs AND areas of opportunity

#### Revolving Loan Fund Program

• Stimulate private sector investment projects that represent a balance of Ottawa County's core industries (specifically manufacturing/industrial, healthcare and service/tourism)



#### **NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION**

#### **Business Attraction Strategy**

- Leverage external partner and site selector relationships to identify/target prospective businesses;
- Collaborate with local municipalities and county officials to develop long-term strategic plans (Elmore);
- Update existing website, site selector databases to enhance attraction strategy;
- Develop social media strategy around #ltsAllHere



#### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

#### Workforce Development Outreach

• Ensure existing and future employers have access to, and can sustain, a qualified workforce in Ottawa County -- connection between employers' needs and job seekers' aspirations

#### OhioMeansJobs (Ottawa County)

 Align with the new federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) guidelines and objectives

#### **Business Advisory Council**

- CEO Intern Program
- Skilled Trades Academy



#### **COMMUNICATION & MARKETING**

#### Grow Business | OCIC Engagement

 Effectively disseminate business-related activities/projects through multiple channels

#### **External Awareness of OCIC Resources**

To increase economic activity and business competitiveness

#### Integrate Into Targeted Business Attraction Strategy

 Update existing website, site selector database, social media, photos, video drone footage



## OTTAWA COUNTY: IT'S ALL HERE





## STRATEGIC PARTNERS (5<sup>TH</sup> PILLAR)



























## **OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED**

- Strategies to improve the economic development opportunities;
  - Business Attraction and Retention
  - Economic Development Resources
- Maintain & Expand partnerships in workforce/education initiatives;
  - Improving Skills
  - Filling Job Opportunities
  - Increase Education Attainment
  - Young Talent Retention



## **OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED (PART 2)**

- Enhanced governance process, structure and Trustee engagement;
- Need to identify measurable performance outcomes;
- Increase awareness of the OCIC.



## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- 4 Groups Discuss 4 Pillars
- Executive Board (Team Leaders)
- OCIC Staff (Notes & Timekeeper)
- 30 minutes per Breakout
- 10-minute Break after Pillar 2

Team 1: Ken Williams/Tricia Cliff

Team 2: Keith Smith/Guy Parmigian/Chrissy

Team 3: Justin Moore/Carolyn

Team 4: Jim Stouffer/Jessica Chart

Lounge Library



# **COMMENTS & QUESTIONS?**



## **NEXT STEPS**

- Digest, Analyze and Summarize today's discussion;
- Develop concrete strategy and timeline for completion;
- Next Meeting TBD November 17,18 or 19.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & FEEDBACK!