

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 5, 2017

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room - Civic Centre on June 5, 2017 from 11:42 a.m. to 1:16 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Rogozinski, Chair, D. Fortes, R. Avis, C. Mallory, J. Gillon, K. McCaig, G. McBride, J. Cumming

ALSO PRESENT: G. Gillon, T. Drysdale, Consultant (RRFDC); L. Mose, MNDM; D. Brown, T. Dennis, K. Lawson

REGRETS: K. Perry, J. McTaggart

1. **Call to Order 11:42 a.m.**
2. **Non-agenda Committee items which because of urgency cannot be deferred to a subsequent meeting, identified to be considered later in the meeting. - None identified.**
3. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none declared.**
4. **Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes**

4.1 April 3rd, 2017.

Fortes-Cumming: THAT the minutes from the April 3rd, 2017 meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4.2 May 1st, 2017 Report (No quorum available).
- received as information by the Committee.

5. **New Business**

5.1 **David Kircher - Verbal update - Mill Property Matter (Mr. Kircher was in attendance from 12:25 p.m. to 12:58 p.m.)**

- Mr. Kircher provided additional input to his deputation to the Committee at the December 5th, 2016 regular meeting. He has a keen interest in the development of a trade school to provide relief of the trades shortage being experienced provincially and country-wide. He also suggested consideration might be given to other uses such as a micro-brewery or casino.

Mayor Avis advised the committee members that he has reached out to both Resolute Forest Products and a formerly interested party to determine what their intentions were respecting the mill properties. Members felt it might be appropriate to make a recommendation to Council to determine if it is feasible for the Town to purchase a portion of the mill. This item will be furthered at the next regular meeting of EDAC. Tannis also advised that B. Tookenay will be doing a verbal update on the new trade school being developed by 7 Generations.

5.2 **Proposed Residential Development.**

- T. Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner for the Town was on hand to present his report dated May 9th, 2017 re: Residential Property Review and Future Development Planning. Mr. Tyson advised members that there were only two residential lots left to be sold in the Huffman/Williams Avenue property site. He provided members, through information found in the report, sites for consideration for future development. A discussion took place and the consensus of members was that the properties within the Eric Crescent site would be the most suitable for development. Members indicated that they would like to see various types of building development

such as multi-residential buildings within this site.

Cumming-Mallory THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee receive the May 9th, 2017 report and verbal update from Mr. Tyson Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner and further that the Committee recommends to Mayor and Council that the Town select Erin Crescent as the next residential development site in the Town of Fort Frances.

CARRIED

- 5.3 Implications of Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to \$15.00 Per Hour.
- a discussion was had respecting the anticipated implications of the recent announcement by the Premier's Office. Members felt this was a serious issue which would place significant burdens on small business owners and consumers alike. K. Lawson will confirm with the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) to determine if they are pursuing a formal response to the Premier's Office. If not, this item will be brought to the next EDAC meeting for a formal resolution requesting Council's support for sending a message to the provincial government indicating their objection to this announcement.

6. **Non-agenda Items - None identified.**

7. **Adjourn 1:16 p.m. - Next Meeting Date July 10th, 2017**