



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

April 13, 2015

A meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre, Monday, April 13, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

The following members were present: M. McCaig, G. Rogozinski, J. McTaggart, D. Fortes, K. Perry, J. Gillon, J. Lampi-Hughes, C. Mallory and E. Fagerdahl.

Also Present: G. Gillon (RRFDC), K. Lawson, Secretary, F. Flatt, Municipal Planner.

Regrets: R. Avis, J. Cumming, K. McCaig, M. Caron, T. Drysdale, Consultant

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.
2. **Non Agenda Items:**
 - a) Mill update.
3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof: None
4. **Approval of Minutes** – March 9th, 2015.

McTaggart-Fortes: That the minutes from the March 9th, 2015 meeting having been circulated be approved. CARRIED.

5. 1) **Review of the Industrial Park Strategy:** Geoff distributed a new draft brochure showing the lots and prices of the lots in the Industrial Park. Faye distributed a map of the Industrial park updated December 2014. Geoff advised that once the group approved, a mailing was planned to companies interested in working with New Gold. An extended discussion was held with respect to changes that would increase interest for perspective buyers. Jane explained funding possibilities again.

Items agreed upon by the group:

- Need to have 3 classes of properties identified:
 - a) property classified as to price
 - b) prices identified
 - c) specific conditions identified.

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- ii) **Strategic Planning Session:** Mark reminded the group that the Strategic Planning Session is planned for June 11th and that this group should be furthering recommendations to the planning process.
Items for discussion included for further discussion:
- 1) Expansion of WiFi offerings within the Town of Fort Frances.
 - Rainy Lake Market Square, downtown, marina.
 - 2) Investigation of Enhancements of Information Infrastructure
 - removal of barriers for business accessing internet service
 - installation of fibre system.
 - 3) Future of Health Care Services in Fort Frances.
 - 4) Enhancement of Professional and Skilled Community Trades; (incentives for doctors, lawyers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, welders, mechanics, etc).
 - 5) Access Routes Within and Outside Community.
 - overpass
 - traffic study
 - 6) Post Mill - Potential Utilization of Vacated Mill Properties.
 - 7) Assisted Living Project.
 - 8) Condo Development
- A request was made to have the subject of medical marijuana grow facility as a potential initiative.
- iii) **RRFDC Update:**
- i) Mining Update: Geoff distributed a handout for a joint meeting presented by New Gold, RRFDC, PARO and NCDS May 8th – 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. Geoff is happy to provide any further information.
 - ii) RRFDC Projects Update: Geoff presented a handout re: RRFDC Projects as of April 13th, 2015. He also presented an advertisement for the Harmony of Nations 2nd Annual Music Festival July 17th & 18th.
6. **Non-Agenda:** Mill Update. Mayor indicated there were lots of rumours but unfortunately nothing substantive to report.
7. **Next Meeting Date:** May 4th, 2015.