

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### REPORT

November 6, 2017

An information session of the Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on November 6, 2017 from 11:42 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Rogozinski, K. McCaig, J. Gillon, M. Caron (12:30 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.), K. Perry, (11:42 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.), J. McTaggart, (11:42 a.m. to 1:05 p.m.), J. Cumming.

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, K. Lawson, Secretary

REGRETS: Mayor R. Avis, D. Fortes, L. Mose (MNDM)

1. **Call to Order - 11:40 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 identified**
4. **Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes**
  - 4.1 October 2nd, 2017 Meeting Minutes. - no quorum - this item will be deferred to the next regular meeting for approval.
5. **New Business**
  - 5.1 Tbaytel Fibre Announcement - members adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to Council Chambers for the Tbaytel launch announcement of Fibre in Fort Frances and then returned to the information session in Committee Room shortly thereafter.
  - 5.2 Report on the Biomass 2017 Conference and RRFDC Wood Related Activities. G. Gillon provided an overview of this report and the wood related activities in the district.
6. **Standing Items**
  - 6.1 J. Cumming - Urban Trees. (refer to materials previously provided by J. Cumming at the October 17th meeting.) - a discussion was held. Members in attendance decided that this matter would be better considered by the Town's Planning and Development and Operations and Facilities Executive Committees. The materials will be provided to the respective committees and Mr. Cumming will be formally contacted by the committee secretaries to make his presentations to these groups.
  - 6.2 Implication of Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to \$15.00 per hour (Bill 148) - this matter continues to be monitored. - committee members in attendance decided that this matter may now be removed.
  - 6.3 Industrial Park Sales Guide and Prices. (materials to be presented at the December 4th EDAC meeting).
  - 6.4 Residential Revitalization Grant Program (materials to be presented at the December 4th EDAC meeting).
  - 6.5 Rainy Lake Market Square. - some concerns were raised about the need for security cameras. It was identified that there were none at the site now. Mr. Brown will look into this matter further.

6.6 Lack of Residential Rentals Analysis. - T. Drysdale advised that she and T. Dennis will be preparing a report for a upcoming meeting of the Committee.

**7. Non-agenda Items - none were identified**

**8. Adjourn / Next Meeting Date - December 4th, 2017**