

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
Economic Development Advisory Committee

MINUTES

April 1, 2019

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on April 1, 2019 from 11:40 a.m. to 1:03 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Cumming, Mayor J. Caul, Chair; Chief W. Windigo, K. McCaig, M. Caron, D. Kircher, J. Gillon and D. Eldridge

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, G. Gillon, RRFDC, L. Mose, MNDM and K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk/ Board Secretary

REGRETS: R. Avis, J. McTaggart, K. Firth and T. Drysdale

1. Call to Order 11:40 a.m.

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none

3. Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes

3.1 March 4, 2019.

McCaig-Eldridge: THAT the minutes from the March 4, 2019 regular meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4. New Business

4.1 D. Brown - Awarding Request for Proposal (RFP) 17-AF-14 – Land Use & Economic Development Feasibility Study for the Shevlin Wood Yard & Former Nursing Station.
- Mr. Brown provided an overview of the report as approved by Council.

4.2 G. Gillon - Brainstorming Session - (will include item requested by J. McTaggart - challenge to the EDAC Committee to provide ideas that the municipality could incorporate along with the Strategic Plan to drive economic growth).
The committee was tasked with providing 3 ideas each that the Municipality could incorporate, in addition to its Strategic Plan to affect further economic growth.
Chief Windigo recommended that emphasis on partnerships with the First Nations, especially in the health sector areas, would be advantageous to the municipality as they are looked on favourably by the federal and provincial governments.
The resulting suggestions were documented in the attached chart appended to these minutes and the matter will be furthered at the next regular meeting.
- As a side note to senior housing needs, Mayor Caul provided an update on meetings the Age Friendly group is currently having with a developer who is looking to build two 20 unit apartments adjacent to the Flinders apartment complex.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Mill Update.
- Mayor Caul provided a brief update on meetings surrounding the mill property.

5.2 Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot.
- no update provided.

6. Information:

- 6.1 Federal Canadian Experience Fund.
- L. Mose provided an overview on this funding initiative.

7. Adjourn 1:03 p.m./ Next Meeting Date - May 6, 2019