



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 12, 2015

A meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre, Monday, January 12, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

The following members were present: G. Rogozinski, M. McCaig, D. Fortes, R. Avis, J. McTaggart, K. Perry, J. Gillon, J. Cumming, C. Mallory, E. Fagerdahl and Mark Caron.

Also Present: G. Gillon (RRFDC), T. Drysdale, consultant (RRFDC), J. Petrin (RRFDC) and K. Lawson, Secretary.

Regrets: K. McCaig, J. Lampi-Hughes

1. Call to order at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. McCaig opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and provided an explanation of this group, explaining the functionality, protocol and Acts it works under. Each member in turn provided personal introductions. Mr. McCaig then called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. A call for each position went out 3 times and members confirmed Gary Rogozinski as Chair and John McTaggart as Vice-Chair. Both nominees accepted their nomination.

Perry – Fortes: THAT Gary Rogozinski be appointed as Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee for the current term. CARRIED

Fortes-Caron: THAT John McTaggart be appointed as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee for the current term. CARRIED

2. **Non Agenda Items:**

- 1) J. McTaggart re: Local Business Inventory.
- 2) D. Fortes re: Dudley Hewitt Tournament.
- 3) J. Gillon re: Presentation at a future committee meeting.

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof: None

4. Approval of Minutes – September 8 and October 6, 2014.

Fortes-Perry: That the minutes from the September 8th and October 6th meetings having been circulated be approved. CARRIED.

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5. Power Point Presentations were provided re:

- 1) The Brand and Go Local Program and
- 2) Forestry File.

6. **Non-Agenda –**

1) J. McTaggart re: Local Business Inventory.

- Mr. McTaggart asked how current the local business inventory was and if there was an opportunity to develop those businesses.
- Geoff advised that the community profile updates are ongoing and he goes one on one with expansion plan opportunities to assist in their development.

2) D. Fortes re: Dudley Hewitt Tournament.

- Mr. Fortes advised that he felt this tournament would be a perfect opportunity to promote Fort Frances and to bring the current issues forward. He advised that the Dudley Hewitt committee is putting a brochure together in a very professional manner, and packages are being prepared for players and families and other guests. A suggestion was made to have a banner advertising Our Forest – Our Future above the Memorial Sports Centre Ice Surfaces during the tournament. Mr. McCaig advised that he was presenting a pre-budget consultation report for Council that evening, in preparation for the upcoming Provincial Government's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs to be held in Fort Frances January 20, 2015, and it would be very positive if members attended the pre-budget consultation in support of Fort Frances.

3) J. Gillon re: Presentation at a future committee meeting.

- Ms. Gillon will make a presentation to members at an upcoming meeting re: NOHFC Funding Opportunities.

7. **Next Meeting Date:** February 2, 2015