

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 2nd, 2017

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on October 2nd, 2017 from 11:42 a.m. to 12:47 p.m.

PRESENT: J. McTaggart, Vice Chair; D. Fortes, R. Avis, C. Mallory, J. Gillon, K. Perry, K. McCaig, G. McBride, M. Caron

ALSO PRESENT: T. Drysdale, Consultant, G. Gillon (RRFDC), D. Brown, CAO, T. Dennis, CBO/Municipal Planner and K. Lawson, Secretary

REGRETS: L. Mose (MNDM)

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.

2.1 J. Cumming re: Urban Trees.

2.2 C. Mallory re: Lack of Residential Rentals in Fort Frances.

2.3 Mayor Avis re: Resolute Update.

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

4. Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes

4.1 September 11th, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

McBride-Perry: THAT the minutes from the September 11th, 2017 meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

5. New Business

5.1 Discussion Item No. 1 - Industrial Park Sales Guide and Prices.

- Tannis provided a verbal update on taxation assessment for properties within Ontario and Manitoba. A discussion was had on available lot assessment and this matter will be furthered at a future meeting.

5.2 Discussion No. 2

Residential Revitalization Grant Program. Committee provided recommendations to increase the potential funding amount while decreasing the amount of necessary expenditures necessary to meet funding guidelines. A new draft will be brought forward to a future meeting.

6. Standing Items

6.1 Implication of Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to \$15.00 per hour.

- this matter continues to be monitored.

6.2 Rainy Lake Market Square Update.

- Tannis advised the official opening has been delayed and she will advise further.

7. Non-agenda Items

- 7.1 J. Cumming re: Urban Trees.
- Jim distributed information to members in attendance to be used for discussion purposes at the next regular committee meeting.
- 7.2 C. Mallory re: Lack of Residential Rentals Update.
- Charleen spoke to the committee about the lack of available rental units in Fort Frances. Tannis will work with Tyson Dennis, CBO/Municipal Planner to develop an analysis of marketing opportunities and possible multi-family rental properties.
- 7.3 Mayor Avis re: Resolute Update.
- Mayor provided committee members with a brief update on the status of Resolute properties in Fort Frances. This matter continues to be monitored and Council continues to express their concerns to Provincial Ministers both by correspondence and through the use of delegation requests. Mayor has yet to receive a response from Resolute to his June 1st, 2017 request for information regarding the status of properties.

8. Adjourn 12:47 p.m. / Next Meeting Date - November 6th, 2017