



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

June 8th, 2015

A meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre, Monday, June 8th, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

The following members were present: M. McCaig, G. Rogozinski, K. Perry, M. Caron, J. Gillon, J. McTaggart, J. Lampi-Hughes, K. McCaig, C. Mallory and J. Cumming.

Also Present: G. Gillon (RRFDC), K. Lawson, Secretary.

Regrets: R. Avis, D. Fortes, E. Fagerdahl, T. Drysdale, Consultant

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

J. Cumming-C. Mallory: That the minutes from the May 4th, 2015 meeting having been circulated be approved. CARRIED.

5.
 - i) **Review of the Industrial Park Strategy:** This item was deferred. The Municipal Planner will bring a draft Land Sales Policy with revised wording as suggested by the group at the May 4th meeting to the July 6th meeting.
 - ii) Chris Reeves, Business Development Manager, New Gold Rainy River Project provided a power point presentation and overview of progress at the new mine. He explained his role and the company's focus on aboriginal partnerships. Housing and purchasing opportunities were also discussed.
 - iii) Geoff Gillon gave brief updates on the following items:
 - a) Snowbirds Event – June 10th – 6:00 p.m. – Fort Frances Municipal Airport. Please take advantage of bussing from St. Francis parking lot to the site, which has been sponsored by Iron Range Bus Lines. Show starts at 6:00 p.m. and autographs will follow after. You are advised to bring collapsible chairs. Geoff provided a handout to members provided by Canada – National Defence.
 - b) Community Foundation – Fundraising Workshop – Geoff advised that a professional fundraiser would be coming in and that further information would be forthcoming to members via e-mail.

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- c) New Government Funding Opportunities – Monies for the Rainy Lake demolition have been approved. Mark McCaig advised everything is ready to go, once all monies have been received. Canada 100 and 150 funding opportunities were discussed. Potential applicants were advised to apply a.s.a.p.
 - d) Possible Culinary Celebration Event – Geoff is looking at a fall date for this venture, and will provide more information going forward.
 - e) New Boundless Advertisement. – Geoff provided.
 - f) Ontario Tourist Centre – Moose Arrival Event – Geoff advised that the building is now open. The moose is expected to arrive sometime in the next month.
 - g) Fort Frances Market Square – Geoff provided a rendition as provided by HTFC Planning and Design. Mark McCaig requested that GIS maps covering 200 block of Scott Street from Portage Avenue to Mowat Avenue (south side). Kathy will contact Trish Law, GIS Specialist from Public Works to provide. Members will undertake discussions over the next few months.
 - h) Tour of Former Rainy Lake Property (exterior) – deferred to a later date.
6. **Non-Agenda** – None
7. **Next Meeting Date:** July 6, 2015.