

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
Economic Development Advisory Committee

MINUTES

February 4, 2019

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on February 4, 2019 from 11:35 a.m. to 12:36 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Cumming, Chair, Mayor J. Caul, D. Kircher, D. Eldridge, R. Avis and J. Gillon

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, L. Mose, (MNDM), T. Drysdale, Consultant, G. Gillon (RRFDC) and K. Lawson, Secretary

REGRETS: J. McTaggart, K. McCaig and K. Firth

1. **Call to Order 11:35 a.m.**
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - None declared**
3. **Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes**

3.1 January 7, 2019.

Prior to the item being approved, T. Drysdale presented a follow up to item 5.2 on the January 7, 2019 agenda with respect to the REPAP proposal. She advised that Mr. Twoomey made a presentation at the Rainy River District Municipal Association AGM, has met with Municipal Council, Chief's Council, MNDM and the UNIFOR union spokespersons. Mayor Caul advised that she has had discussions with Hon. G. Rickford and A. DiMatteo (FEDNOR) and both are very positive. We now have two lobbyists working on our behalf. Tannis will be placing updates on the Town website under Our Forest - Our Future.

J. Gillon-Eldridge: THAT the minutes from the January 7, 2019 regular meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4. **New Business**

- 4.1 Composition of Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Committee - (con't from January 7, 2019 meeting).
 - the committee recommended that the report be forwarded to Council for their approval and appointment of a Council Member to the Committee - Tannis to prepare report.
- 4.2 Northern and Rural Immigration Program.
 - 1) Globe and Mail Article dated January 24, 2019;
 - 2) Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot - Federal Government Initiative

3) Position Paper from J. Cumming

- Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Project - The Committee recommended not sending an application for this initiative, but felt that we should put our weight behind the PAN Northwestern Working Model. Tannis will take the lead.

- Position Paper - J. Cumming - Tannis will speak to NCDS and report back to the Committee.

5. Information Correspondence

5.1 The Associated Press News Article - Will Robots Take Your Job? Quarter of US Workers at Risk.

- received as information.

6. Adjourn 12:36 p.m./ Next Meeting Date - March 4th, 2019