

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
Economic Development Advisory Committee

MINUTES

January 7, 2019

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on January 7, 2019 from 11:43 a.m. to 2:13 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Cumming, Chair, J. Gillon, K. McCaig, D. Kircher, Chief W. Windigo, K. Firth (11:43 p.m. to 1:19 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.), D. Eldridge, M. Caron, Mayor J. Caul

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, T. Drysdale, Consultant, G. Gillon (RRFDC), L. Mose, MNDM, R. Thoms, 93.1 The Border, and K. Lawson, Board Secretary

REGRETS: R. Avis

1. Call to Order 11:43 a.m.

1.1 Nomination of Committee Chair.

The meeting was opened by K. Lawson, Board Secretary. J. Cumming was nominated as Chair.

McTaggart-Kircher: THAT the nomination of J. Cumming as Committee Chair be hereby approved.

CARRIED

1.2 Nomination of Committee Vice Chair.

- J. Cumming, Committee Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair. M. Caron was nominated.

McTaggart-Gillon: THAT the nomination of M. Caron as Committee Vice-Chair be approved.

CARRIED

1.3 Introduction of Committee Members.

- Chair invited everyone at the table to introduce themselves.

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 The Committee Secretary cautioned members about the use of Non-agenda items which are not considered emergent. She indicated that by bringing items in this manner, there is no transparency to the public. She will send an email out to members prior to putting future agendas together and at that time members can bring their agenda items forward for consideration.

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

- 3.1 K. Firth declared an interest in agenda item 5.3 as he is employed by one of the hotels being discussed. He left the room while the matter was discussed.

4. Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes

- 4.1 November 5, 2018.

McTaggart-McCaig: THAT the minutes from the November 5th, 2018 meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

5. New Business

- 5.1 Committee Orientation.
- Tannis provided the committee with 2 Power Point presentations to bring new members up to date.
1) Five Year Review - Economic Development;
2) Council Orientation - November 2018.
- 5.2 Mill Sale Negotiation Update.
- B. Brown and T. Drysdale provided members with an update on the potential purchaser who is negotiating with Resolute Forest Products. Members were reminded that it is very early in the process.
- 5.3 Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Committee Recommendation.
- a discussion was had as to the makeup of the Committee. Tannis was asked to bring the mandate for the Committee forward to the next meeting, and this item will be further discussed at the next regular meeting.
- 5.4 Labour Market Shortages - previous request from D. Fortes.
- this item will be tabled.

6. Non-agenda Items - None

7. Adjourn - 2:13 p.m. / Next Meeting Date - February 4th, 2019