

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 2nd, 2016

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room on May 2nd, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Rogozinski, Chair, M. Caron, K. McCaig, K. Perry, M. McCaig, C. Mallory, E. Fagerdahl, J. McTaggart

ALSO PRESENT: J. Cumming, J. Kabel, G. Gillon, T. Drysdale, T. Allaire (RRFDC) and K. Lawson

REGRETS: R. Avis, J. Lampi-Hughes, D. Fortes

1. Call to Order

2. Non-agenda Committee items which because of urgency cannot be deferred to a subsequent meeting, identified to be considered later in the meeting.

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

- 1) J. McTaggart re: Item 5.2 (Parking Meters).

4. New Business

4.1 International Falls Marketing Assessment review.

-Andrew Enns from NRG Research Group joined the meeting via telephone conference to provide an overview of the Rainy River Future Development Corporation Market Assessment Survey which was provided for committee members reference.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Sports Tourism Planning Session Update.

- Tara Allaire provided an overview of the information respecting the Sports Tourism Planning Session, which was facilitated by J. Cumming on April 13, 2016. The session was offered to provide a meaningful consultation with community partners and to gauge interest and needs in developing Sports Tourism initiatives. The RRFDC has offered to further assist by providing training to groups interested in growing their events.

5.2 Parking Meters. -J. McTaggart declared a pecuniary interest on this item. He stated that he is a business owner on Scott Street. He did not speak to the matter or vote on the resolution when it was considered.

- a discussion was held. Consensus was that most communities currently employ parking meters and voted to forward a resolution of support in favour of the Town's initiative to consider installation of parking meters in the area of downtown Scott Street.

Mallory-Perry: THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee supports the installation of parking meters in the area of Downtown Fort Frances.

CARRIED

6. Non-agenda Items

6.1 Fort Frances Tourist Information Centre - Business Plan 2016.

Tannis advised that the center is scheduled to reopen in May of 2016. There have been some improvements made to the building entrance with sun screening on the windows. This should further protect the moose and reduce utility costs for air conditioning. A new bench has been added to the front which advertises the moose.

She advised that the funding has been reduced for the operating costs of the building and requested a resolution be forwarded by EDAC for consideration by Town Council.

K. McCaig-Caron: THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommends to Mayor and Council that the Town commence discussions with the Ministry of Infrastructure for consideration of the following requests

- 1) the securing of a reduced lease rate for operation of the facility; and
- 2) removal of the clause in the current lease agreement respecting the sublet or carrying on of other commercial activity within the current facilities to allow for new vendors.

CARRIED

7. Adjourn / Next Meeting Date - June 6, 2016