

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. #5

June 9, 2021

The meeting of Economic Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held virtually in the Civic Centre on June 9, 2021 from 1200 hrs to 1334 hrs

PRESENT: Chairperson D. Judson, Councillors M. Behan and J. McTaggart, Mayor J. Caul (ex-officio)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Cridland, T. Ryll, C. Vangel, CBO / Municipal Planner, T. Drysdale, Economic Development Consultant, J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager, K. Haney, Deputy Clerk, E. Slomke, Clerk, Joerg Ruppenstein, FFPC, J. Pryde (1216 hrs) R. Thoms, B93 Guests: Mike Willick, Gerry Cariou, David Kircher

REGRETS:

1. Call to Order @ 1200 hrs / Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes - Approved as presented

3.1 Session no 4 - 05 May 2021

4. Items Referred from Council - None

5. New Business

5.1 Mike Willick - Presentation - Boundary Waters Forest Corp and Ontario Forest Strategy (1200 hrs) - Presentation accepted as brought forward by Mr. Willick.

5.2 Gerry Cariou - Norwestario Travel Association Inc, Sunset Country (12:20). Discussion held. Committee thanked Mr. Cariou for his presentation.

5.3 2005-11-18 Ltr from Ken Boshcoff, MP - Legislative Analysis - International Bridge - Letter to be drafted re proposed recommendation to be forwarded to Council for consideration at next meeting.

6. Outstanding Items

6.1 Standing items for updating:

Rainier Bridge - Letters to Stauber and Klobuchar - Concerns re rail bridge. C. Vangel to communicate with CN Public Affairs group and bring further information back to next meeting. Working group to be created and consist of C. Vangel, J. Caul, J. McTaggart and D. Cridland. 2021/06/09: Working group to meet within next two weeks.

Orea White Paper Small Towns Big Opportunities - Further information re action plan/seeking organizations that can assist in lobbying to be sought. Item identified at RRDMA - on radar, may assist in lobbying going forward. Query pilot project. 2021/06/09: Item to proceed to NOMA in January with CAO involvement.

Winnipeg to Thunder Bay tourism route initiative - Work in progress. NOMA tourism panel aware - possible intent to draw people to Hwy 11 and onto 71 corridor. 2021/06/09: No updates

Cross Border Fishing Activity - Status of reciprocal agreement re walleye report to be determined. 2021/06/09: Correspondence forwarded. No further updates.

7. Information

7.1 May - TOFF 2 year workplan REPORT to EDEC - Accepted as presented

8. In-Camera - 1323 hrs to 1334 hrs

- 8.1 A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value;
Funding Application

9. Adjourn @ 1334 hrs / Next Meeting Date - 07 July 2021

Executive Committee Chair

, Acting CAO