



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 09, 2015

A meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre, Monday, March 9, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

The following members were present: M. McCaig, G. Rogozinski, J. McTaggart, D. Fortes, R. Avis, K. Perry, J. Gillon, J. Cumming, K. McCaig, J. Lampi-Hughes, C. Mallory and E. Fagerdahl.

Also Present: T. Drysdale, Consultant (RRFDC), M. Ciotti, Planning Intern (RRFDC) and K. Lawson, Secretary.

Regrets: G. Gillon (RRFDC)

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.
2. **Non Agenda Items:**
 - a) Mayor Avis – Mill update.
3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof: None
4. Approval of Minutes – February 2nd, 2015.

Lampi-Hughes-Fortes: That the minutes from the February 2nd, 2015 meeting having been circulated be approved. CARRIED.

5. Consensus was given to have item iii considered first.
 - iii) Marketing: Tannis spoke about the “Draft” marketing information being created with respect to available industrial lots for sale. She said that some changes with respect to identified lots had been made. Members suggested some changes to the document, which will be added. Tannis introduced Maria Ciotti, Planning Intern (RRFDC) to all members. Changes will be sent to Faye prior to mailing out. We are on brand. RRFDC is looking at sending out approximately 400 brochures to the mines suppliers. Jane Gillon advised that there would be funding available from NOHFC to the town for servicing of industrial lots, as long as there is an anchor tenant in place.

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- i) Strategic Planning Session: A group discussion was held with respect to items and initiatives to be forwarded to the Town Strategic Planning Session for consideration on behalf of the EDAC group. This session is tentatively planned for the first week of June. Mr. McCaig said Council is looking for a healthy complement of ideas and the group should try to make them as broad based as possible, with a mind to those initiatives that could be completed during the current mandate of Council.

Items included:
 - 1) Expansion of WiFi offerings within the Town of Fort Frances.
 - Rainy Lake Market Square, downtown, marina.
 - 2) Investigation of Enhancements of Information Infrastructure
 - removal of barriers for business accessing internet service
 - installation of fibre system.
 - 3) Future of Health Care Services in Fort Frances.
 - 4) Enhancement of Professional and Skilled Community Trades; (incentives for doctors, lawyers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, welders, mechanics, etc).
 - 5) Access Routes Within and Outside Community.
 - overpass
 - traffic study
 - 6) Post Mill - Potential Utilization of Vacated Mill Properties.
 - 7) Assisted Living Project.
 - 8) Condo Development
 - ii) Review of the Industrial Park Strategy – will be deferred to the next regular meeting.
6. **Non-Agenda** – Mayor Avis gave a brief update on his meeting with Minister Gravelle at the OGRA/ROMA Conference.
7. **Next Meeting Date:** April 6th, 2015.