

Date: June 29, 2020

Report To: Mayor & Council

From: Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

Re: Fort Frances/Aazhogan Renewal Planning Committee –Terms of Reference Revisions

On May 27, 2020 members of the Town of Fort Frances administration along with our land use planning and economic development consultants met with Riversedge Developments Inc. (2670568 Ontario Ltd.) and Rainy River First Nations, together in joint venture as Aazhogan Renewal, to discuss land use planning policies and mechanisms associated with the potential redevelopment of the Fort Frances mill properties. In this meeting it was discussed that in order to facilitate the implementation of various policies and mechanisms, that the Town apply for funding opportunities to prepare a study of the lands similar to that of the Shevlin Woodyard and Gateway to Market Square. In support of the study it was also discussed that a joint planning committee be formed known as the “Fort Frances / Aazhogan Renewal Planning Committee”.

The committee is currently working with NOHFC to finalize grant submissions prior to a September 30, 2020 deadline.

The initial intent of this committee and study was to engage a consultant to craft location specific land use planning policies, identify economic development opportunities and to provide recommendations that will be used to amend the Town of Fort Frances Official Plan and Zoning By-Law to assist in the redevelopment of the subject lands. The outcome of these amendments would assist to mitigate delays and reduce turnaround times on planning applications associated with the subject lands and to promote redevelopment of the lands for a wide range of uses.

Through committee correspondence with NOHFC it was determined that the scope would be preferably suited to include verbiage regarding a conceptual master plan and apply as one application rather than seeking two projects.

To seek funding opportunities for a conceptual master plan the terms of reference were to be revised to include such wording. To seek such funding the revision to the terms of reference is to be completed prior to the September 30, 2020 deadline with NOHFC.

The revised terms of reference for the committee have been reviewed by associated administration members and RRFDC representative. At this time, it is recommended by administration that Mayor and Council support administration to:

1. Amend the committee terms of reference as included with this report.

Respectfully submitted



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Council approval of this report will approve the attached amendments to the terms of reference.