

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 4th, 2017

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on December 4th, 2017 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Rogozinski, Chair; G. McBride, C. Mallory, J. Cumming, J. Gillon, K. Perry, J. McTaggart

ALSO PRESENT: G. Gillon, RRFDC, T. Drysdale, Economic Development Consultant, L. Mose, MNDM and K. Lawson, Secretary

REGRETS: D. Fortes, R. Avis, D. Brown

1. Call to Order - 11:45 a.m.

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 Committee meeting quorum.

2.2 Physician Recruitment.

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - None identified

4. Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes

4.1 October 2nd, 2017 Meeting Minutes and November 6th, 2017 (no quorum) Informational Report.

Perry-J. Gillon: THAT the minutes from the October 2nd, 2017 regular meeting and the Informational Report from the November 6th, 2017 gathering (where no quorum existed) be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

5. New Business

5.1 L. Mose (MNDM) - NOHFC Update.
- A Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) presentation dated December 4th, 2017 was distributed which provided an update on six different programs currently available through NOHFC. L. Mose provided a verbal overview.

6. Standing Items

6.1 Industrial Park Sales Guide and Prices.
- The report dated November 30, 2017 from T. Drysdale, Economic Development Consultant re: Industrial Park Sales Policy was reviewed and approved as amended. Committee members agreed that this document should be reviewed on a yearly basis. The amended report will be presented to Council in January, 2018.

6.2 Residential Revitalization Grant Program. T. Dennis, CBO/Municipal Planner was in attendance for this meeting. He presented a report dated November 22, 2017 re: Examining the Residential Building Grant Application Process. A discussion was had about marketing for this program. A portion of the report respecting the requirement for property sewer and water services was further discussed. As a result of these discussions, members requested a resolution be forwarded to Council through Operations and Facilities Executive Committee recommending that consideration be given to

establishing equitable rates for sewer and water infrastructure installation for existing and new residential property development. This program will be reviewed on a yearly basis. Members also requested information on numbers of under-demolished or infill properties within the Town's limits. Tannis and Tyson will bring this information in a housing report to an upcoming meeting

McTaggart-Mallory: THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommends to Mayor and Council that the Town review the existing methods by which sewer and water infrastructure installation costs are established in order to provide an equitable costing for all residential property development.

CARRIED

7. Non-agenda Items

7.1 J. McTaggart brought the matter of meeting attendance up for discussion. It has been difficult to establish quorum for several meetings this past year, and the hope is that while recognizing everyone has busy schedules that all members be mindful of the meeting dates and try to make every effort to attend.

7.2 Tannis will ask Todd Hamilton, Physician Recruiter - Riverside Health Care Facilities to attend a future meeting of EDAC to provide an update on physician recruitment.

8. Adjourn 12:40 p.m. / Next Meeting Date - January 8, 2018