

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (No Quorum)

REPORT

FEBRUARY 6th, 2017

The gathering of members of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on February 6, 2017 from 11:43 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.

PRESENT: J. McTaggart, C. Mallory, K. Perry, J. Gillon, J. Cumming, M. Caron

ALSO PRESENT: T. Drysdale, Consultant (RRFDC), D. Brown, CAO and K. Lawson, Secretary

REGRETS: R. Avis; G. Rogozinski, K. McCaig, D. Fortes,

1. **Call to Order - No quorum**
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**
4. **Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes**
 - 4.1 December 5th, 2016.
 - will be presented at the next regular meeting where quorum is available.
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1 Committee Vacancy.
 - the Clerk's Office is preparing appropriate advertising to fill the appointment.
6. **Standing Items**
 - 6.1 Community Foundation. - nothing new to report.
 - 6.2 Rainy Lake Market Square.
 - brainstorming session - ideas for events, etc. that could help develop the market square use.
 - The following are the ideas which were brought forward by those members of the group in attendance:
 - 1) Interactive Theatre - (period costumes possibly supplied by Little Theatre or the Museum - Cathy Richards would be a good contact);
 - 2) Buskers Festival;
 - 3) Possible Use of a Piano;
 - 4) Speaker's Corner (perhaps a Soap Box Series);
 - 5) Look at Use by Various Non-For Profits - (send fee structure and then waive);
 - 6) Beast Feast;
 - 7) Youth Night for Youth Bands;
 - 8) Friday Night Dances;
 - 9) Grand Opening Celebrations;
 - 10) Talent Shows;
 - 11) Labour Day/Thanksgiving Celebrations;
 - 12) Fringe Acts;
 - 13) Regalias;
 - 14) Museum Directed Ideas - Cultural and Historical Interpretations;
 - 15) Little Theatre presentations;
 - 16) Board Games Tables - (Museum could rent out game pieces) - potential for chess tournaments;

- 17) Cribbage Tournament;
- 18) Blow Up Movie Theatre;
- 19) Farmer's Market - (requires accommodating farmers);
- 20) Clover Valley Market initiatives;
- 21) Ecumenical Services.

6.3 Presentation from D. Kircher - Property Matter. - nothing to report.

7. Information Correspondence **

- 7.1 Correspondence dated January 30th, 2017 from the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs re: Renewed Community-Focused Rural Economic Development (RED) program.

8. Non-agenda Items

9. Adjourn / Next Meeting Date - April 3rd, 2017