

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Economic Development Advisory Committee

AGENDA - June 3, 2019 - 11:30 a.m.

MEETING - Committee Room, Civic Centre

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1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof</u>	
3. <u>Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes</u>	
3.1 April 1, 2019.	2 - 3
4. <u>New Business</u>	
4.1 Pride Week Celebrations.	
4.2 Tourist Center.	
4.3 Taste of India Event. (Overview by Gurvinder Grewal).	
4.4 Rainy Lake Square Summer Agenda.	
4.5 MAT Committee Update.	
4.6 Celebrate Ontario Grant.	
4.7 Summer Meetings.	
5. <u>Standing Items</u>	
5.1 Ideas from the April 2nd, 2019 Brainstorming Session - Ideas to Drive Economic Growth.	4
5.2 Mill Update.	
5.3 Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot.	
6. <u>Adjourn / Next Meeting Date</u>	

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MINUTES

April 1, 2019

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on April 1, 2019 from 11:40 a.m. to 1:03 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Cumming, Mayor J. Caul, Chair; Chief W. Windigo, K. McCaig, M. Caron, D. Kircher, J. Gillon and D. Eldridge

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, G. Gillon, RRFDC, L. Mose, MNDM and K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk/ Board Secretary

REGRETS: R. Avis, J. McTaggart, K. Firth and T. Drysdale

1. Call to Order 11:40 a.m.

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

3. Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes

3.1 March 4, 2019.

McCaig-Eldridge: THAT the minutes from the March 4, 2019 regular meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4. New Business

4.1 D. Brown - Awarding Request for Proposal (RFP) 17-AF-14 – Land Use & Economic Development Feasibility Study for the Shevlin Wood Yard & Former Nursing Station.
- Mr. Brown provided an overview of the report as approved by Council.

4.2 G. Gillon - Brainstorming Session - (will include item requested by J. McTaggart - challenge to the EDAC Committee to provide ideas that the municipality could incorporate along with the Strategic Plan to drive economic growth).
The committee was tasked with providing 3 ideas each that the Municipality could incorporate, in addition to its Strategic Plan to affect further economic growth.
Chief Windigo recommended that emphasis on partnerships with the First Nations, especially in the health sector areas, would be advantageous to the municipality as they are looked on favourably by the federal and provincial governments.
The resulting suggestions were documented in the attached chart appended to these minutes and the matter will be furthered at the next regular meeting.
- As a side note to senior housing needs, Mayor Caul provided an update on meetings the Age Friendly group is currently having with a developer who is looking to build two 20 unit apartments adjacent to the Flinders apartment complex.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Mill Update.
- Mayor Caul provided a brief update on meetings surrounding the mill property.

5.2 Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot.
- no update provided.

6. Information:

- 6.1 Federal Canadian Experience Fund.
- L. Mose provided an overview on this funding initiative.

7. Adjourn 1:03 p.m./ Next Meeting Date - May 6, 2019

Tourism		Industrial Growth			Transfers	Enhanced Senior Services		Infrastructure and Services
Tourism Lake & Waterfront Development		SME Retention Expansion Development	Crossroute Fiber Usage and Other Manufacturing AG Products		Health Care Support	Enhanced Seniors Services		Senior Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transportation- Programs
Waterfront Woodyard Development		\$10 Million Private Community Investment Fund	Manufacturing <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mill- Value Added, i.e. Dog Food/Pet		Expansion of Health Care Imaging.	Quality of Life Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Housing- Public Transportation-Community Programs		Senior Living <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Housing- New housing that incorporates a balanced land portfolio
Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Area First Nation Communities- Festival Destination	Boat Tours with stops at local communities	Small business that can work with New Gold such as SMS or John Gavel rather than subbing out of Town						
Casino Hotel	Extend Waterfront Development	Entrepreneur Vertical Integration of Existing Business	Industry – Same value-added product (fibre insulation)		Enhanced Health Care			
Casino/Hotel with huge waterslide		Vacant Business Space West End Highway	Value Added Ag Products <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Food Pellets		Health Care Specialization			
Point Park Revitalization		Workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Labour Shortage in Most Sectors-Training	Purchase Mill Property Once Demolished (or Before) to Repurpose that land.	High Tech Large Capacity Sawmill	Partnership with Area First Nations to Expand Health Care	Rebuild Town (Homes)	People Moving	
			Transportation Goods In and Out			Invite Developers to Build Housing Complexes	Post-Secondary Student Housing	
Develop Waterfront to Maximize Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none">- such as restaurants, hotels- use lake more		Post-Secondary Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Research facilities-Partnership with schools						