

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 9, 2012

A meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was held in the Committee Room Civic Centre January 9, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Gary Rogozinski, Chair, Bob Armit, Aaron Beckett, Jim Cumming, Gord McBride, Jane Gillon, John McTaggart, Shanda DeGagne-Begin, Teresa Hazel, Mark McCaig, CAO, Councillor Ken Perry and Mayor Roy Avis.

Also Present: Tannis Drysdale, Rainy River Future Development Corporation, Faye Flatt, Municipal Planner and Lori Pattison, Secretary.

Regrets: Geoff Gillon, Rainy River Future Development Corporation

1. Call to order at 11:45 p.m.
2. Non agenda items:
 - i) Rainy River Resources Luncheon
3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof: None
4. Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2011

Gord McBride – Jim Cumming: that the minutes from the December 5, 2011 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

5. Information and Activity Reports:
 - i) Border Signs – graphics have been completed for sign on Hwy 53 in International Falls – will submit to hotels in US – hope to have new sign up next month.

Mom's Way sign outside Atikokan – Town has partnered with Atikokan

6. Discussion and Action Request Items:
 - i) Huffman School Property – a very lengthy discussion took place – building/land could be utilized for many different purposes – committee needs to assess and decide which would be the most beneficial to the Town of Fort Frances, below are some suggestions:
 - educational facility
 - office space
 - assisted living

- commercial
- institutional
- school facility

The cost to demolish the school is approximately \$100,000.00.

The following resolution was brought forward:

Gord McBride – Ken Perry – that the Town rezone the property adjacent to the Huffman School to be designated as residential and further that Council subdivide the property creating up to 18 residential lots and the Town retain the adjacent property on 5th Street and Ellington Avenue for Community Hall and rink site use.

John McTaggart – Roy Avis – that the Economic Development Advisory Committee table the resolution in regards to the Huffman School property until the March Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED.

- ii) Assisted Living – Survey – Financial Request – the assisted living committee is looking for help with preparing a survey to assess the need for assisted living in the Rainy River District.

It was suggested to have an independent body conduct the research – talk to business that are currently running assisted living programs in other communities to see what information would be beneficial on the survey – should be a district wide initiative through RRFDC – Tannis to investigate the needs for assisted living (to be put on March's agenda) – make sure to include the information that this is NOT a subsidized service – clients will pay for the services received.

- 7. Educational Opportunities: (contact Tannis or RRFDC a week in advance)
 - i) January 17, 2012 – 7 Deadly Sins of Community Marketing – please notify Tannis or RRFDC by the end of this week.
- 8. Non-Agenda Items:
 - i) Rainy River Resources Luncheon – Tannis reported that the luncheon was well attended with 40 to 50 people in attendance – the Vice President of Operations gave a brief update as to progression of mine – an open date of 2015 was mentioned dependent on speculative drilling reports and the ability to raise capital – not into advanced exploration state as of yet – overall a very positive feel to the project
- 9. Next Meeting Date: February 6, 2012.