

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

### SESSION NO. #1

February 3, 2021

The meeting of the Economic Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held virtually on February 3, 2021 from 1200 hrs to 1425 hrs

PRESENT: D. Judson (Chairperson) Councillor, M. Behan, Councillor J. McTaggart, Mayor J. Caul (ex-officio)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, J. Forbes, Human Resources Manager, K. Haney, Deputy Clerk/Secretary, L. Slomke, Municipal Clerk, C. Vangel, Chief Building Official, T. Drysdale, RRFDC G. Gillon, RRFDC, J. Ruppenstein, CAO, Fort Frances Power Corporation, D. Babaie, FFPC Consultant

### REGRETS:

#### **1. Call to Order**

##### **1.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Clerk opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair person. Councillor Judson was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received.

Subsequently the Clerk opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Councillor McTaggart was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received.

#### **2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - None**

#### **3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes - None**

#### **4. Items Referred from Council**

4.1 Annual Per Capita Contribution - Accepted as presented. Administration to prepare report and forward to Council.

#### **5. New Business**

5.1 Large Industrial Tax Rate - Discussion held. Tannis to obtain further information and bring back to next meeting.

5.2 Ask Me Anything - Tannis recommended Committee partake in webinar presentation available via [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CUndSlrkQZqjSSSo-mlAsw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CUndSlrkQZqjSSSo-mlAsw) scheduled for Tuesday, February 09 2021 @ 1400 hrs Mountain Time (1300 hrs Central Standard Time)

5.3 Capital Priorities per Tourism Plan - Expecting to have more information next meeting. Item to be added to agenda for next meeting.

5.4 Winnipeg to Thunder Bay tourism route initiative - Lengthy discussion held. Item to remain on committee agenda for future discussions.

5.5 OREA White Paper Small Towns Big Opportunities - Committee to forward on to Councillor Wendy Brunetta for discussion at NOMA. Item to remain on agenda for further discussion next meeting.

5.6 Cross Border Fishing Activity - Discussion held. Administration to draft correspondence in support of cause. Item to be added as outstanding item on

committee agenda for further discussion.

**6. Outstanding Items - None**

**7. Information**

7.1 TOFF 2 year workplan January 11 Report - Accepted as presented

**8. In-Camera - 1309 - 1425 hrs**

- 8.1 A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; Resource request (1310 to 1343 hrs) Conversation took place and the committee decided to bring the matter back as an outstanding item onto next agenda. K. Haney, D. Brown, E. Slomke, Joerg R, J. Forbes, D. Babaie, T. Drysdale, G. Gillon were virtually connected with Committee members for this item.
- 8.2 A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; Funding Application (1344 to 1358 hrs) - K. Haney, D. Brown, E. Slomke, Joerg R, J. Forbes, D. Babaie, T. Drysdale, G. Gillson were virtually connected with Committee members for this item. Discussion took place. Tannis Drysdale left the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Item to remain as an outstanding in camera item.
- 8.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Member Appointment (1359 - 1425 hrs) K. Haney, D. Brown, E. Slomke were virtually connected with Committee Members. Mayor Caul to follow up with individuals recommended.

**9. Adjournment - 1425 hrs / Next Meeting Date - March 3, 2021 1200 - 1400 hrs.**

---

Executive Committee Chair

---

D. Brown, CAO