

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### REPORT

May 1, 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 May 1st, 2017 from 11:41 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Rogozinski, Mayor R. Avis, J. McTaggart, K. Perry, J. Gillon, C. Mallory

ALSO PRESENT: T. Drysdale, G. Gillon (RRFDC), L. Mose, MNDM, R. Thoms, B-93 The Border and K. Lawson, Secretary

REGRETS: J. Cumming, 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 - refer to item 6.1.**

#### **3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof**

#### **4. Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes**

##### **4.1 April 3rd, 2017.**

- will be presented at the next regular meeting where quorum is available for approval.

#### **5. Standing Items**

##### **5.1 Project Petunia Update.**

- Tannis advised committee that all baskets have been sold and that this years colours will be red and white in conjunction with Canada 150 celebrations.

##### **5.2 Canada 150 Celebration Event.**

- a brief discussion was had respecting this matter. Tannis has ordered 500 special pins and will be preparing certificates of recognition for 500 volunteers. Committee recommended that approximately 75 to 100 will be given to Town administration to recognize current volunteers serving on committees and advisory groups. Committee further recommended that the Town web site be set up to encourage residents to nominate persons both in the under 50 and over 50 category who have made a contribution in the area of volunteering. This matter will be further discussed at the next regular meeting.

##### **5.3 Rainy Lake Square.**

- Tannis advised that she is continues to work on event programming and is looking towards a soft launch in the beginning of August, followed by a more formal launch tentatively projected for the 3rd week of August. Mayor Avis gave a brief update on the work being done with the architects to bring down the costing of the project. Tannis advised that funding has been secured by RRFDC for new tables and tents and for marketing promotion. If anyone is interested in using the market, they should be encouraged to contact Tannis.

#### **6. Non-agenda Items**

##### **6.1 Although quorum did not exist for this meeting, two items were requested by members for further discussion:**

1) J. McTaggart - Presentation by D. Kircher - Property Matter.

- Mr. McTaggart advised he had spoken with Mr. Kircher who was still very much interested in advancing the idea of development of a trade school. Mr. Kircher will

contact Tannis about coming to the next regular meeting.

2) G. Rogozinski - State of the banners on the Resolute FP building at the customs entryway to Fort Frances.

- a brief discussion was had about options for the banner. It was decided that Council should be tasked with providing direction. Mayor Avis will provide Council with a verbal update respecting this matter at the next regular Council meeting and request that the matter be referred to committees for direction.

**7. Adjourn / Next Meeting Date - June 5th, 2017**