

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
Economic Development Advisory Committee

MINUTES

November 5, 2018

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on November 5, 2018 from 11:42 a.m. to 12:46 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Rogozinski, Chair, D. Fortes, C. Mallory, J. McTaggart, J. Gillon, K. McCaig and J. Cumming

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, T. Drysdale, Consultant, G. Gillon, (RRFDC) R. Thoms, (93.1 The Border) and K. Lawson, Secretary

REGRETS: K. Perry, M. Caron, G. McBride, R. Avis and L. Mose (MNDM)

1. Call to Order 11:42 a.m.

2. Non-agenda Committee items which because of urgency cannot be deferred to a subsequent meeting, identified to be considered later in the meeting.

2.1 K. Lawson request re: Members applications for the EDAC Committee.

2.2 D. Fortes request - next agenda item - labour shortages.

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

4. Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes

4.1 October 1, 2018.

Cumming-McTaggart: THAT the minutes from the October 1, 2018 regular meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

5. New Business

5.1 Update - New Grants and Opportunities.

- Tannis provided an update on a current grant available under the FedNor Women's Entrepreneurship Program.

5.2 Progress Review - 2014-2018.

- Tannis provided a power point presentation of the progress made over the current Council's term.

5.3 Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Update.

- Tannis advised that there is another meeting scheduled for November 8th with committee members and municipal staff .

- it was recognized that change is hard for those businesses/partners involved. Tannis also advised that there are some government employment/agencies which are provided exemptions.

5.4 Group Discussion - Items for New Council Orientation.

Members provided the following items for Mayor and Council Elect orientation.

■ include the Progress Review 2014-2018 as presented today.

■ intricacies of ESFL/Forest Management (M. Willick to present).

■ fundamental nature of funding

- Forecast for the next 5 years
- function of the Economic Development Advisory Committee and role members play.
- Industrial Lot Policy implications
- what is going on outside of Fort Frances.

6. Non-agenda Items

- 6.1 K. Lawson - applications for Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- committee was reminded that the applications for board renewal are available online for this board.
- 6.2 D. Fortes re: Agenda item for January 7th, 2019 meeting.
Dale requested that a discussion take place respecting labour shortages at this meeting.

7. Adjourn 12:46 p.m. / Next Meeting Date - January 7th, 2019