

The **Minutes** of the **Economic Development Select Committee** meeting held in the **Boardroom** at the Economic Development Department Offices at B7337 Welton Street, Mission, British Columbia, on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Rocky Blondin, Blondin Enterprises, EDSC Chair
Lesa Lacey, Lacey Developments Ltd.
Wade Peary, Riverside College
Pia Ritch, Mission Community Skills Centre Society
Edgar Sarfeld, Vinegar Hill Consulting Co. Ltd
Dan Schubert, Schubert Plumbing & Heating Ltd
Raymond Szabada, Sumas Regional Consortium for High Tech. (SRCTec)
Beverly Toews, Fraser Pacific Enterprises Inc.
Craig Toews, University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)

Members Absent: Ann Harper, Representative for the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC)
Paul Adams, Altentech Power Inc. & Mission Wood Pellet

Staff Present: Stacey Crawford, Economic Development Officer
Gina MacKay, Manager of Long Range Planning & Special Projects
(joined the meeting at 8:09 a.m.)
Ron Poole, Chief Administration Officer
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by W. Peary and seconded by P. Ritch,

1. That Item 4(a) i-iii be removed from the open portion of the Economic Development Select Committee agenda;
2. That the open portion of the Economic Development Select Committee meeting recess to a Closed Committee meeting, under Sections 90(1)(e) and 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter*, to address Items 4(a) i-iii; and
3. That the July 12, 2017 Economic Development Select Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved by C. Toews and seconded by W. Peary,

That the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting of the Economic Development Select Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC AND RECESS TO CLOSED COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by R. Blondin and seconded by W. Peary,

1. That, pursuant to Sections 90 and 92 of the *Community Charter*, this Economic Development Select Committee meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:
 - Section 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter* – the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and
 - Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter* – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and
2. That the public portion of the meeting be recessed; and
3. That the Economic Development Select Committee immediately resolve into the Closed portion of the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 8:04 a.m.

5. RECONVENE OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by C. Toews and seconded by B. Toews,

That the open portion of the Economic Development Select Committee meeting be reconvened.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 a.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Economic Development Update

BC Mountain Bike Tourism Symposium

R. Blondin informed the EDSC that he will be attending the 2017 BC Mountain Bike Tourism Symposium from September 13-15, 2017 in Revelstoke, British Columbia, on behalf of the Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association (FVMBA). He explained that the event provides an opportunity for stakeholders and experts to gather and share insights and knowledge about how to progress toward a more sustainable and vibrant mountain bike tourism sector. The Committee discussed the potential benefits of sending its own representative and how best to promote Mission at the event (i.e. marketing materials). In response to questions from the Committee, S. Crawford confirmed that funding is available within the existing Economic Development budget for event sponsorship and to send one delegate to the symposium.

Moved by R. Blondin and seconded by P. Ritch,

That the EDSC supports the Economic Development Officer's decision to send a delegate to the 2017 BC Mountain Bike Tourism Symposium from September 13-15, 2017 in Revelstoke, British Columbia, and provide event sponsorship and marketing materials, within the existing budget for the Economic Development Department.

CARRIED

(b) Planning Update

Official Community Plan (OCP)

G. MacKay explained that the draft OCP is currently being reviewed by staff and the bylaw will go before Council for First Reading on Monday, August 14, 2017.

Planning and Development Update

Discussion ensued on recent development projects within the District of Mission.

Downtown Incentive Program

G. MacKay stated that a report will go to the July 17, 2017 Regular Council meeting requesting that Council approve, in principle, the extension of the Downtown Development Incentive Program to December 31, 2019.

(c) EDSC Future Projects for Consideration

R. Blondin provided a brief summary of the results of the recent EDSC survey to determine potential topics for future discussion, noting that industrial land expansion was accidentally omitted from the list. The Committee considered the matter and agreed that they would explore the following topics in the months to come:

- Transportation Issues and Strategies (as they relate to economic development); and
- The Future of the Mission Campus of University of the Fraser Valley (UFV).

C. Toews provided a brief overview of the challenges and opportunities facing UFV and noted that the organization has a strong educational vision and is dedicated to responding to the needs of its students. He also outlined some of the constraints to expansion and explained that destination type programming (cohort learning) tends to work best in satellite campuses such as Mission.

The Chair asked the Committee members to give thought to the transportation issue in anticipation of a more in-depth discussion at the next Committee meeting in September.

The Committee requested that a representative from either the Engineering or Development Services department be invited to the September meeting to address questions related to transportation.

7. NEXT MEETING

The following meeting dates were proposed:

- Date change for the next regular EDSC meeting from Wednesday, September 13, 2017 to Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at the Economic Development Department; and

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- Joint meeting with Council on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 as per the EDSC Terms of Reference.

S. Crawford stated that an email will be sent to Committee members confirming these meeting dates.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by R. Szabada and seconded by P. Ritch,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.