



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 Tuesday, September 12, 2017 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Rocky Blondin, Blondin Enterprises Inc., 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
Beverly Toews, Fraser Pacific Enterprises Inc.
Craig Toews, University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)
Ann Harper, Representative for the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC)

Members Absent: Raymond Szabada, Sumas Regional Consortium for High Tech. (SRCTec)

Staff Present: Stacey Crawford, Economic Development Officer
Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering, Planning & Design
Gina MacKay, Manager of Long Range Planning & Special Projects
Ron Poole, Chief Administration Officer
Clare Seeley, Executive Assistant
Michele Fernie, Engineering Technologist

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by E. Sarfeld and seconded by C. Toews

That the agenda of the Economic Development Select Committee meeting held on September 12, 2017 be approved as circulated

CARRIED

3. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Moved by A. Harper and seconded by W. Peary

That the minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting of the Economic Development Select Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Planning Update

See attached sheet – Planning Update Report September, 2017 for full list of updates.

EDSC members were referred to the “Make it your Mission” website for the latest Official Community Plan (OCP) report and bylaw, which encompasses the changes to the identified Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) as a Special Planning Area.

(b) Economic Development Update

Waterfront Development – The technical studies and detailed area plan received support from Council however the budget did not, due to a significant piece of land being placed on the market. The potential redevelopment of this area could impact the remainder of the waterfront lands. A clearer understanding of this area should be available once the bidding process has closed on October 20, 2017.

Industrial Land Expansion – The identified area has now been designated as a special study area in the OCP. A meeting is scheduled with the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for October 12, 2017 to tour the area and discuss the rationale. G. MacKay is also meeting with a staff planner from the ALC regarding the updates to the OCP.

Mountain Bike Symposium – R. Blondin and D. Schubert are attending and will be using this time to learn, network and market Mission’s potential as a mountain bike destination with Stave West.

(c) Transportation Issues and Strategies

The committee discussed the symptoms, problems, potential solutions and opportunities for transportation in Mission, from an economic development viewpoint.

The Manager of Engineering, Planning & Design and an Engineering Technologist joined the meeting to provide an overview of the Transportation Master Plan and to answer questions from the group.

It was noted that the EDSC support the Transportation Master Plan and would like to present an overview of today’s transportation discussion at the next joint meeting with Council, scheduled for November 1, 2017.

Action: R. Blondin to provide a summation of the key areas identified.

C. Toews left the meeting at 9:06 am.

(d) EDSC Vacancy

Paul Adams has resigned from the committee, as he is no longer working in the District.

The EDSC were encouraged to bring recommendations forward to the next meeting, alternatively the position will be advertised.

5. NEXT MEETING

- Joint meeting with Council on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Riverside College.

6. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by W. Peary and seconded by P. Ritch

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.