

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, March 14, 2018 commencing at 8:05 a.m.

Members Present: Rocky Blondin, Blondin Enterprises Inc., EDSC Chair
Lesa Lacey, Lacey Developments Ltd.
Pia Ritch, Mission Community Skills Centre Society
Dan Schubert, Schubert Plumbing & Heating Ltd
Raymond Szabada, Sumas Regional Consortium for High Tech. (SRCTec)
Beverly Toews, Fraser Pacific Enterprises Inc.
Ann Harper, Representative for the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC)

Members Absent: Wade Peary, Riverside College
Ron Poole, Chief Administration Officer
Edgar Sarfeld, Vinegar Hill Consulting Co. Ltd
Craig Toews, University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)

Staff Present: Stacey Crawford, Economic Development Officer
Clare Seeley, Executive Assistant
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair sent his apologies for the start of the meeting, the EDSC requested S. Crawford chair in the absence of a Vice-Chair.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by P. Ritch and seconded by A. Harper

That the agenda of the March 14, 2018 meeting of the Economic Development Select Committee be approved, but that the Visioning Exercise be adjusted to later in the meeting to accommodate a possible late arrival of the Chair.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved by P. Ritch and seconded by B. Toews

That the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting of the Economic Development Select Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Request for Input: Changing from “District of Mission” to “City of Mission”

R. Blondin took the feedback from EDSC to Councillor Hamilton, advising her that the group had mixed opinions regarding the name of the community, but that the committee saw value in the branding and marketing of Mission.

Councillor Hamilton provided an update to council at an open council meeting, putting forward a notice of motion to change from the District of Mission to the City of Mission.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Planning – Introduction to Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services

D. Sommer was welcomed to the EDSC.

(b) Planning Update – D. Sommer

D. Sommer gave an overview of the major development projects, including the Downtown streetscape, Polygon residential application and Cedar Valley.

A written planning update will be available for the next meeting and include an update on transit.

Ken Bourdeau has been hired as the new Manager of Long Range Planning & Special Projects. Part of his role will be to make recommendations regarding red tape reduction and policy change. The EDSC requested updates on this and the opportunity to participate, should this move forward as a council priority.

A business licence fee review is currently underway. A public house was held and not well attended. A letter is now being sent to all businesses to outline the consultants proposed changes, which is hoped will encourage feedback. This information has not been presented to council as yet, and the EDSC are encouraged to provide input at this time.

(c) EDSC Nomination Committee

R. Blondin joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

S. Crawford discussed the process and timeline for the committee, including:

- Formation of a Nomination & Elections Committee – composition should include the EDSC Chair, Economic Development Officer and two EDSC members at large.
- Review the self-assessments completed by EDSC to determine gap analysis and opportunities.
- Determine current EDSC member interest in renewal.
- Solicit Chair and Vice-Chair interest.
- Report back to EDSC at April meeting.
- Advertise vacancies
- Review Submissions
- Report back to EDSC at May meeting
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- Bring Report to Council regarding recommendations for approval

The committee members will be R. Blondin, L. Lacey, D. Schubert and S. Crawford.

R. Blondin left the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

(d) Visioning Exercise

The following were prioritized as areas of focus for the EDSC:

- Policy Development and Red Tape Reduction
- Innovation Zone
- Workforce Development
- Industrial Land Use
- Transportation

D. Schubert also suggested that the committee should have a more visible presence in the business community. R. Szabada supported this, adding that the group should look to become more active in the community taking on an ambassador role that helps to support and promote their areas of expertise and the local business community.

5. NEXT MEETING

EDSC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by B. Toews and seconded by P. Ritch

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.