

**Revelstoke and Area
Minutes of the Economic Development Commission
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Revelstoke Business and Visitor Information Centre Boardroom,
301 Victoria Road West**

PRESENT: Members Roberta Bobicki, Mark Baron, Lisa Longinotto, Connie Brothers,
Brett Renaud, Robyn Goldsmith, Rob Elliott, Tracey Buckley,
Loni Parker, Nathan Weston, Craig Tennock
Staff Nicole Fricot, Director of Community Economic Development
Brooke Burke, Recording Secretary
ABSENT: Kevin Dorrius

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by chair, Roberta Bobicki at 4:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Brett Renaud

Seconded by Connie Brothers

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

- New Business – Notification of Cable Discontinuance

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION – EVERYTHING REVELSTOKE, LARA DAVIS

Lara addressed the Commission members on the Resort Shuttle Service. The service that runs seasonally in conjunction with the ski season from 6am until 6pm, or sometimes until 10pm in peak times. This year a digital system was implemented instead of the punch card system used in the past. Some of the hotels had minor issues with the new system but as they used it more it became easier. Changes to the shuttle scheduled help with ridership and not having to leave as many people off the bus due to being full. Lara referred to information she handed out to the Commission showing how many passes were purchased this past season. Having a digital systems helps them pull more data that can show such things as when they might need more busses or later schedules. Commission asked if there was any possibility to use the shuttles in the off season, so they are not heavily subsidized in the future. The busses are owned by the City and Everything Revelstoke must request permission to use the shuttles during the off season, as they are only contracted for the ski season. General discussion held on possible uses for the shuttle busses or using different busses such as school or transit busses. Nicole

Fricot noted she has discussed with development services the need to do a transportation plan for the community.

Action: Commission would like to meet in July to discuss transit.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Lisa Longinotto

Seconded by Brett Renaud

THAT the minutes from May 2, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

6. ACTIVITY REPORT

Nicole reviewed the report with the following highlighted on:

- Nicole recently attended the BC Tech Summit; she reported it was helpful to be able to network and connect with other communities and government officials.
- A letter from the City has been sent to the government about the land use plan issues. City and Nicole continue to receive many enquiries about the land use issues going on.
- Fabrication lab planning is ongoing with 3 potential locations in mind with the location at 3rd Street Offices being the most liked from the committee formed to work on the set up of the lab.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Cannabis Legislation

Nicole reviewed the bylaw zoning change to the commission and noted the City has hired consultants who are currently working on the upcoming legalization and effects to the community.

7.2 RMR Master Plan Update

Nicole reported that a consultant has been reviewing the past few weeks and will have a report to present to council for approval to submit to the government. Lots of feedback has been received most of which was about housing. Finding many inconsistencies in the plan as well and no solid information about employee housing. General discussion held.

7.3 Fabrication Lab Update

Nicole reported a recent meeting with KAST they wanted our fabrication lab to a satellite lab to the Midas lab in Trail. Work continues to move forward for the fabrication lab in Revelstoke.

7.4 Development Services Update

Nicole noted the effort the City is putting towards consistent communication with the community on various items. It was noted that more information needs to get out to contractors. Additional support for development services department has been hired and they have started working. General discussion held.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Species at Risk Act

Nicole noted to the Commission that this is not specific to her workplan it has major potential impacts to our economic development. She explained to the Commission that the NCES had sent a letter to the federal government with reference to section 80 that there is an imminent threat to the caribou. The provincial government now need to action this or the federal government will step in and possibly close down the entire region. This is not the first time this situation has come up about the caribou being at risk. Nicole is preparing a draft plan to be submitted to the province, any feedback on this needs to be to Nicole by June 15. Currently the province is looking at a many different options, such as predator/prey control and penning. The report being sent to the province will build on all the previous work done to help the caribou and the effects any drastic decisions made to close the area would have on employment in our community. A scientific based approach will be taken and a focus on the predator/prey management will be done. General discussion held.

8.2 Notification of Cable Discontinuance

Tracey Buckley noted Revelstoke Cable will be discontinuing cable service to the community effective October 2, 2018. She feels the City should assist informing the community of this and wants the Commission to weigh in. Telus, the owner of the local cable company, has done radio, newspaper, inserts and social media ads to let current customers know of the upcoming changes. They still have some customers unaware of the cancelation of the service this fall. Commission feels as this is not an essential service this is not

the responsibility of the City as they have other issues that need immediate attention.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is September 5, 2018.

Brett Renaud moved to adjourn meeting at 5:40 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RB', written over a horizontal line.

Roberta Bobicki, Chair