Revelstoke and Area

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

in the Revelstoke Business Information Centre,

301 Victoria Road West

Members Roberta Bobicki, Brett Renaud, Mark Baron, Tracey Buckley,

PRESENT: Nathan Weston, Ken Norrie, Kevin Dorrius, David Brooks-Hill,

Steve Cross (late)

Staff Ingrid Bron, Director Community Economic Development

Brooke Burke, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Craig Tennock, Lisa Longinotto

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by chair, Roberta Bobicki at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made around the table and welcomes to Ingrid Bron, David Brooks-Hill and Steve Cross. Each gave a brief background on their experiences.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Kevin Dorrius Seconded by Brett Renaud

THAT agenda be adopted with the following addition:

New Business – Future Look

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mark Baron

Seconded by Kevin Dorrius

THAT the minutes from September 19, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 DCC Bylaw

Roberta noted a letter to mayor and council has not been drafted to date. Would like to let new council and Ingrid settle more into their roles before moving forward. General discussion on a letter addressing the OCP to council was held.

5. ACTIVITY REPORT

5.1 December Activity Report

Ingrid reported she has followed a similar format as before in reporting to the commission. The following was highlighted on:

- A more detailed housing strategy will be sent to RFP in the new year. Development services department will be handling this moving forward, the CED department will offer support required.
- Report sent to council on MRDT OAP funds to consider allocating towards affordable housing.

Discussion arose around the City approaching the School Board to talk about former school lands be used for affordable housing options. General discussion on housing for the community was held. Staff housing seems to be in discussion again and RMR being more on aboard to talk about.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Meeting Dates 2019

Commission was asked if the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm still works. Decision was to not have a January meeting and continue with the same day and time for meetings in 2019.

Action: Meeting dates will be emailed to commission members.

6.2 Future Look

Roberta asked commission members what they would like to see accomplished this coming year. The following was discussed:

- Push the importance of updating the OCP to mayor and council
- Importance of updating the zoning bylaws within the OCP
- Focus on housing density, secondary suites; make the process easier to approve
- Presentations to commission members, such as Everything Revelstoke, Luna Festival, etc.
- Emergency preparedness for businesses
- CSRD area around Revelstoke
- Land use to be figured out and then work on OCP
- Sense of urgency council feels on DCC bylaws, vacation rentals, OCP, affordable housing issue
- Why did staff implement Part 4 of the building code? Revelstoke is the only community in BC that has done this, can it be changed back?
- BC Hydro Unit 6 has received environmental approval, what does that look like for the community? What is BC Hydro's plan for housing the workers?

It was noted a list of future presenters will be complied to bring in throughout the year.

7. ECONOMIC DATA

7.1 MRDT Hotel Tax

Information was reviewed, no discussion held.

7.2 Business Licenses

Information was reviewed. Commission asked for a more detailed breakdown of current licenses.

ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting is February 6, 2019.

Mark Baron moved to adjourn meeting at 5:36 pm.

Roberta Bobicki, Chair