

**Revelstoke and Area
Minutes of the Economic Development Commission
Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Revelstoke Business and Visitor Information Centre Boardroom,
301 Victoria Road West**

PRESENT: Members Roberta Bobicki, Tracey Buckley, Nathan Weston, Rob Elliott,
Loni Parker, Mark Baron, Robyn Goldsmith, Lisa Longinotto,
Council Mayor Mark McKee
Staff Nicole Fricot, Director of Community Economic Development
Debra Wozniak, Recording Secretary
ABSENT: Kevin Dorrius, Brett Renaud, Connie Brothers, Kristina Welch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by chair, Roberta Bobicki at 4:03 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Rob Elliot

Seconded by Robyn Goldsmith

THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Lisa Longinotto

Seconded by Tracey Buckley

THAT the minutes from June 14, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 2, Item 5, Business Arising from the Minutes – It was clarified that yes, the committee wants a presentation on the Resort Municipality Funding program and that a report on the Innovation Centre study will be forthcoming when the results of the study are known as the consultants are still conducting their research and analysis.

Page 2, Item 6, Economic Development Strategy – Nicole noted that there is missing information in the strategy that has now been added.

Page 2, Item 7, Activity Report – Nicole stated that BC Transit consultation will commence next week and continue into November.

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Nicole reviewed the Revelstoke Community Economic Development Plan (2017-2021) with the Commission. Nicole is hoping for more statistics and charts to include in the report as the data becomes available. Changes to be made are as follows:

- Include information on sources of funding to implement the plan
- Page 6, Sectors of Focus: In the forestry description add the other parties involved in this sector, ie Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation, etc.
- Page 9, A Future Focused Community: Hold special meetings to talk about specific challenges/opportunities for the future. Item 2.3 noted that this must be done, discussion followed on how to accelerate this process.

The Committee would like to have Nicole request an update from the City on the status of the OCP and Zoning bylaws review process, as the Commission is having difficulty moving forward strategically without this process completed.

Item 2.4 discussion ensued regarding on waste management and composting.

- Page 10, Transportation: Item 3.3 to take a look at potential alternative options to BC Transit for the long term. Discussion followed on passenger rail service possibilities.
- Page 11, Affordable Living: add workforce housing provision by employers.

Robyn Goldsmith left the meeting at 5:06 pm.

- Page 12, Partnerships: Item 5.2 add SIDIT, KAST and BCIC
- Page 13, Performance Indicators: Add Number of Houses Available to Buy, Increase of Commercial Tax Revenues Generated by Attracting New Businesses, and Assessed value of New Construction, Turn-around Time for Building Permits, Number of Housing Starts.

Nicole will circulate the final document with the changes noted.

Moved by Rob Elliot

Seconded by Mark Baron

THAT the Revelstoke Community Economic Development Plan (2017-2021) be approved with changes as discussed.

CARRIED

Moved by Loni Parker

Seconded by Nathan Weston

THAT the Revelstoke Community Economic Development Annual Workplan (2017-2018) to be amended with applicable changes suggested be approved.

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Whistler Vacation Rental Bylaw

Nicole reported that she looked into 9 resort communities for information on how they were dealing with vacation rentals concerns. Revelstoke is currently regulating Vacation Rentals through zoning. Whistler and Victoria have moved to regulating through business licensing and advertising.

Moved by Lisa Longinotto

Seconded by Tracey Buckley

THAT staff consider the Whistler Tourist Accommodation Regulation Bylaw as an option for regulating vacation rentals along with other policies for vacation rental controls.

CARRIED

b) Sani-Dump Report

Moved by Tracey Buckley

Seconded by Lisa Longinotto

THAT the Commission asserts that it is critical to community economic development to have a sani dump located in Revelstoke.

CARRIED

7. ACTIVITY REPORT

The report for July and August 2017 was reviewed and noted that acronyms need to be defined. Tracey Buckley advised that there will be a Telus luncheon for businesses at Okanagan College on September 27. Roberta Bobicki noted that it is her goal to keep meetings to 60-90 minutes. The Commission members agreed to have 9 meetings for the 2018 meeting schedule. Mark McKee reported that the Resort draft updated master plan was submitted to the MFLRN Resort Branch and that the provision is in the plan for employee housing to be developed at 10% of bed units developed after phase 1.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is October 4, 2017.

Tracey Buckley moved to adjourn meeting at 5:52 pm.



Roberta Bobicki, Chair