Revelstoke and Area

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission Wednesday, October 4, 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,

Mark Baron, Lisa Longinotto, Kevin Dorrius, Brett Renaud

Staff Nicole Fricot, Director of Community Economic Development

Brooke Burke, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Robyn Goldsmith, Connie Brothers, Kristina Welch, Loni Parker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by chair, Roberta Bobicki at 4:03 pm. Roberta noted there has been some lack of responding to meeting reminder emails. This is important to ensure a quorum is met so that members that have responded to attend do not have to cancel at the last minute.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Kevin Dorrius
Seconded by Mark Baron
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Rob Elliott Seconded by Kevin Dorrius

THAT the minutes from September 13, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 3, Item 6a, Sani-Dump Report – Tracey Buckley advised she brought the discussion back to the Chamber Board and they wanted to know why the City felt it was their responsibility to supply this type of service. Tracey wanted to clarify so the information could be taken back to the Chamber. It was noted the sani-dump is for more than just RV's it is used by charter tour buses. Parks Canada does not have one and they receive approximately 700,000 visitors, most of which are driving an RV or have a trailer. Discussion held on possible location.

Action: Roberta Bobicki will draft up a letter on behalf of the Commission requesting the City to find a year round location close to the highway and the importance of having one.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Revelstoke Destination Tourism Strategy Nicole wanted to show the Commission what was being worked on in conjunction with RAA (Revelstoke Accommodation Association). Document is for information and any feedback is welcome. Noted this process was also because the MRDT (Municipal & Regional District Tax) is up for renewal by the end of October 2017. Tourism priorities were reviewed with Commission. Document can be reviewed and feedback sent to Nicole.
- b) Municipal Alcohol Policy Nicole noted the Municipal Alcohol Policy has been referred to a few committees for review and feedback. This policy is specifically for City owned buildings. Discussion around this policy targeting the annual ball tournament held each August, as organizers feel they have little support from the City to keep the tournament going. It was asked why the City needs this policy if they have guidelines already set that are followed.

Moved by Brett Renaud Seconded by Rob Elliott

THAT the Economic Development Commission does not support this policy as presented the Commission would like more information about why this policy is necessary if they are to support the policy.

CARRIED

7. ACTIVITY REPORT

Nicole asked if the Commission had any questions on the report, no questions asked.

8. ECONOMIC DATA

Data was not discussed, group to review on own time. Commission asked when they would see updated information on building permits. It was noted the development services is working on updating the information to present to council towards the end of this year, then it will be brought for review.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is November 1, 2017.

Tracey Buckley moved to adjourn meeting at 5:29 pm.

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Roberta Bobicki, Chair