

**Revelstoke and Area
Minutes of the Economic Development Commission
Wednesday, December 6, 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, Mark Baron,
Connie Brothers, Brett Renaud, Robyn Goldsmith, Kevin
Dorrius, Rob Elliott

Staff Nicole Fricot, Director of Community Economic Development
Brooke Burke, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Lisa Longinotto, Kristina Welch, Loni Parker

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Connie Brothers

Seconded by Mark Baron

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Tracey Buckley

Seconded by Kevin Dorrius

THAT the minutes from November 1, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 2, Item 5b, Trail Strategy Study – Nicole noted she is waiting to receive the information from Parks & Rec department. Should have it for the next meeting.

Page 1, Item 4b, Sani-Dump– Letter was reviewed by commission. Discussion around why having it located by the car wash is not possible. Information received from City staff was the area wasn't large enough and part of the land has been marked for future cemetery use. Commission questioned who determines the size required for the sani-dump. Discussion on process of having letter put on council agenda.

Action: Letter will be sent to be put onto council agenda for review.

5. ACTIVITY REPORT

Nicole reviewed the report with the following discussed in further detail:

Extreme Weather Response Program – waiting to hear back the RCHS on if they have the capacity to take on such a large project. It was noted extreme weather for our area is considered December 15 – March 31. If project were to move forward it would also provide the opportunity to collect data to see if a full time homeless shelter is required.

EOF Funding Request – it was reviewed the project fit the criteria for the funding. With other issues between the City and CSRD this makes it more difficult to pursue other funding now needed for this project.

Nicole added there is another Hallmark film being shot in town. It was reviewed the City has a filming policy and no tax payer funds are used towards the film companies. Having these films come to town are a huge money generator into the community, of course with that comes some controversy with some of the business owners. Will look into update the film policy in the new year. A meeting will be held in January to speak with the business owners and see what improvements and/or changes could be made. General discussion on impact to businesses.

It was noted Nicole met with local realtors and Nigel Whitehead from the City, on ways to open up communication lines with the City. Processes and how to help smooth out specific issues with both sides was discussed. Discussed updates needed to the OCP, bylaw and zoning for the City.

Moved by Kevin Dorrius

Seconded by Nathan Weston

THAT the Economic Development Commission send a letter to council encouraging budget funds be allocated and resources necessary towards updating the OCP in 2018.

CARRIED

Moved by Nathan Weston

Seconded by Mark Baron

THAT the Economic Development Commission recommend council have the zoning bylaws updated in tandem with the OCP update in 2018 budget to be a better workable document.

CARRIED

6. OLD BUSINESS

a) Non-Attendance of Commission Member

Nicole reported there still hasn't been any response back from commission member.

Moved by Kevin Dorrius

Seconded by Connie Brothers

THAT the Economic Development Commission agrees to remove Kristina Welch from the Economic Development Commission group due to lack of attendance according to the terms of reference.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Start Up Revelstoke Strategy – Nicole reviewed the strategy that will be presented to council. It was explained there would be a fabrication lab/makerspace for anyone to be able to use the equipment. General discussion held.

b) Rural Dividend Fund Application – Nicole reviewed the application is focused on creating a fabrication lab/makerspace/innovation centre. She has been working with KAST as they already have successful Midas Lab that is metal focused, as a possible partnership. The main focus would be the equipment for a smaller sized lab to start with, and then build from there. Focus for the lab in mind is sport tourism recreation and wood products. The Revelstoke School District sees huge value in a lab such as this and would like to see youth involvement as well. General discussion held.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is February 7, 2018.

Connie Brothers moved to adjourn meeting at 5:40 pm.



Roberta Bobicki, Chair