

**Revelstoke and Area
Minutes of the Economic Development Commission
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Revelstoke Business and Visitor Information Centre Boardroom,
301 Victoria Road West**

PRESENT: Members Roberta Bobicki, Lisa Longinotto, 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: Loni Parker, Tracey Buckley, Nathan Weston

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Lisa Longinotto

Seconded by Mark Baron

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

- New Business – National Community Futures Petition

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Connie Brothers

Seconded by Kevin Dorrius

THAT the minutes from December 6, 2017 be adopted with the following correction:

- Business Arising from the Minutes – Sani Dump – cash wash corrected to car wash.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 2, Item 5b, Trail Strategy Study – Nicole reported information should be ready for next meeting, it is taking Parks & Rec longer than anticipated.

Page 1, Item 4b, Sani-Dump– Noted the location for the sani-dump was decided for Powerhouse Road. Connie Brothers noted there were 10 sites that were considered by City staff. If there are other possible locations she asked people to put them forward to staff.

Page 2, Item 5, Activity Report – Nicole noted the meeting with local realtors and the City's planning department is extremely helpful for when developers and/or

contractors contact her. General discussion held. It was noted a letter to council about moving forward with the OCP updates still needs to be drafted. Nicole reported the Extreme Weather Housing project did not move forward this season due to no location being secured. With the amount of work that was done and BC Housing still willing to work with the City on this project, it will be looked at again this year. General discussion on the project. EOF money was approved by the CSRD for the tourism planning study in the amount of \$30,000.

5. **ACTIVITY REPORT**

Nicole reviewed the report with the following highlighted on:

- Working on expression of interest applications to BC Housing for 2 projects; one is at Oscar Street and the other is Basford Drive. One project is for rental and the other is for attainable ownership. Discussion around rental issues and employee housing in the community.
- Reviewed the purpose of the Start Up Revelstoke project and how it will help to connect entrepreneurs with others and training opportunities.
- Charter flights have struggled with weather issues this season. Discussion around if airport improvements might help with the service.
- Noted the upcoming Revelstoke Tech Summit, focused more for students and opportunities for them.
- Referred to newly formed Tourism Advisory Committee. Will look into better wayfinding signage for the community. General discussion held.
- Still have excess hog fuel from the mill. Have thought to put out another EOI for uses of it, suggestion of possible use with construction for insulation.

Action: Nicole will bring her workplan to next meeting for review.

Action: Everything Revelstoke will be contacted to speak at next commission meeting.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Nicole reviewed the terms of reference require an election of a chair and vice chair every year. Ask for nominations was done.

Moved by Brett Renaud

Seconded by Rob Elliott

THAT Roberta Bobicki be elected for the chair position.

CARRIED

Moved by Connie Brothers

Seconded by Lisa Longinotto

THAT Rob Elliott be elected for the vice chair position.

CARRIED

b) Filming Policy – Nicole reported she has been busy with updates to the current filming policy. It was noted there will now be a deposit required for any filming, this will vary depending upon what is being done. Nicole referred to the Chamber lunch and learn session, where everything from impacts to businesses to the responsibilities of the film crew was discussed. Feedback is welcomed from the commission.

Moved by Kevin Dorrius

Seconded by Rob Elliott

THAT the Economic Development Commission recommend council approve the film policy presented.

CARRIED

c) Smart Cities Challenge – Nicole explained what the challenge is and that we as a community would create a statement on what major challenge to tackle using technology. Would like to use Thought Exchange to help develop the survey to be put out to the entire community. Deadline for application is April 24, so there is not much time to be wasted. General discussion held.

d) National Community Futures Petition – Kevin explained the current petition that CF has out. They are in talks with the federal government on increasing operating funds which in turn can be turned into additional CED project funds. General discussion held.

7. ECONOMIC DATA

a) Building Permits – Reviewed information on report from 2017.

b) MRDT Updated Chart – Figures reviewed on chart.

c) Visitor Centre Chart – Stats on visitors to the centre were reviewed.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is March 7, 2018.

Kevin Dorrius moved to adjourn meeting at 5:55 pm.



Roberta Bobicki, Chair