Revelstoke and Area

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

in the Revelstoke Business and Visitor Information Centre Boardroom, 301 Victoria Road West

PRESENT: Members Roberta Bobicki, Mark Baron, Lisa Longinotto, Connie Brothers,

Brett Renaud, Kevin Dorrius, Rob Elliott, Tracey Buckley, Loni

Parker, Nathan Weston(late), Craig Tennock(late)

Staff

Nicole Fricot, Director of Community Economic Development

Brooke Burke, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Connie Brothers, Robyn Goldsmith

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Kevin Dorrius Seconded by Lisa Longinotto

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION – EVERYTHING REVELSTOKE, BRYDON ROE & LARA DAVIS

Presentation was postponed to the next meeting.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Brett Renaud Seconded by Loni Parker

THAT the minutes from April 4, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 4, Item 6b, Development Concerns – Letter has been received by council.

Page 2, Item 3, Presentation – Everything Revelstoke – Nicole updated the Commission that Everything Revelstoke had recently presented to Committee of the Whole. There has been no word back from RMR on future commitments and the RAA will be meeting with their membership on May 14 to discuss. Discussions have been ongoing with Pacific Coastal and they are still interested in flying into Revelstoke.

Page 3, Item 6a, Wandering Wheels Proposal – Noted report was forwarded to council.

Page 2, Item 5, Activity Report – Waiting to hear back from Ministry of Highways on the ferry stat information.

6. ACTIVITY REPORT

Nicole reviewed the report with the following highlighted on:

- Affordable housing application was not successful. Application put in by RCHS was successful and will be moving forward with that project.
- Looking at Kelowna's development process and seeing how some aspects might be implemented for Revelstoke.
- Continues to be lots of interest from the film industry for our community. Looking at arranging a familiarization trip in the near future in hopes of attracting larger projects.
- Currently looking at 3 possible locations for the fabrication lab. A building committee has been formed and is working on narrowing down the locations.
- Touched on the CED position currently posted and the collaboration with CF Revelstoke in sharing the employee.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 BC Hydro Rev 6 Project

Nicole reported the project is back on and could have a BC Hydro representative present at the June meeting. General discussion held.

7.2 Smart Cities Challenge

Application was submitted on April 24 for a \$5M prize. The process brought out many different ideas with one constant, being the cost of shipping was a main reason for driving up costs. Nicole noted the province will be rolling out their own version of this challenge and Revelstoke will submit an application for this as well. General discussion held.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 New Cannabis Legislation

Nicole noted the third reading will be on May 22 council meeting. As the new legislation seems to be coming out in pieces the City needed to have something in place prior to the legalization. It is seen more as a stop gap measure and can be changed once the federal and provincial governments

have everything out. Having this bylaw zoning change could also help ensure that dispensaries are limited to specific areas (ie. not near schools, daycares) or having a number open in one area. A consultant will be hired to do research on this upcoming legislation so that development services can continue to focus on their top priorities. General discussion held.

8.2 RMR Masterplan Update

Nicole reported that RMR has submitted an updated masterplan to the province. Currently the community has until May 24 to respond to the proposed changes, Revelstoke has asked for an extension of this date to have enough time to review the document. A consultant will be hired to review the original masterplan and compare it to the one that is being resubmitted to the province. General discussion held. Nicole asked for feedback from Commission members should they not be able to attend the public meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is June 6, 2018.

Brett Renaud moved to adjourn meeting at 5:35 pm.

Roberta Bobicki, Chair