



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of April 26th, 2023
25 Taillefer Road, Corbeil, ON

PRESENT: Chair Lauren Rooyakkers
Dean Demers
Stephany St. Louis
Greg Kirton, Director of Community Services
Monica Hawkins, Clerk

EXCUSED ABSENT: Sam Singh, John O'Rourke

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Guy Paquette, FEDNOR
Dominique Marleau, Ministry of Northern Development

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Rooyakkers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion No. 2023-08

Moved by Stephany St. Louis

Seconded by Dean Demers

THAT the draft agenda circulated to the Economic Development Committee dated the 26th, of April, 2023 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **Acceptance of Minutes of the Last Regular Meeting:**

Motion No. 2023-09

Moved by Dean Demers

Seconded by Stephany St. Louis

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee held March 22nd, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**



Chair reported on the Tradeshow of how it evolved and where we are now. The Chair advised that if the Committee wishes to redefine the Tradeshow, the Committee can prepare and recommend to Council.

Member Dean Demers advised that maybe we can capture more than a Tradeshow. Maybe for next year's Tradeshow it can be re-branded to Community Event/Fair.

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None for this session

6. Chair's Comments – Chair thanked the members for being in attendance

7. Updates/New Business

7.1 Overview of MNDM/NOHFC and FedNor

Dominique Marleau from MNDM/NOHFC made a presentation to the Committee with a brief outline of who they are and what they do. Dominique shared her presentation with "the Committee.

Guy Paquette from FedNor made a presentation to the Committee with a brief outline of who they are, and what they do. Guy shared his presentation with the Committee. Guy advised that FedNor works hand in hand with MNDM/NOHFC. FedNor is comprised of four major programs:

- Regional Economic Growth through Innovation (REGI)
- Northern Ontario Development Program (NODP)
- Community Futures Program (CFP), and
- Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

7.2 2023 Mandate Letter -Chair reviewed the mandate letter with the Committee. Members advised that there is a long list of opportunities and future meetings are required to have a close look at the list.

7.3 Digital Divide – Director of Community Services mentioned to the Committee that the Municipality received a free pass to the Conference being held on May 9th and 10th in North Bay. Member Stephany St. Louis will be attending the Conference.



- 7.4 Animal Control By-law** – Committee discuss the Animal control By-law and after discussing, the committee recommended to Council to leave the original by-law No. 2014-19 as it is.

Motion No. 2023-10

Moved by Dean Demers

Seconded by Stephany St. Louis

WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee brought forward to their agenda of April 26th, 2023 the matter of reviewing amendment proposed to By-law No. 2014-19, a By-law to Regulate Animals in the Municipality of East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 2022-10 amending the “Definitions and Schedule “C” – Fowl” to By-law No. 2014-19 received 1st and 2nd reading for the proposed amendments on February 8th, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee feels that these amendments to By-law No. 2014-19 are not required at this time;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Economic Development Committee recommends to Council that By-law No. 2014-19 remain standing with no amendments.

CARRIED

7.5 Tradeshow

- a) **Breakdown of 2022 expenses**
- b) **Tradeshow – Youth Entrepreneur Follow Up**

Director of Community Services circulated the 2022 Tradeshow breakdown of expenses to the Committee. Members of the Committee felt that for next year’s Tradeshow, a RFP should be prepared to give an opportunity to Entrepreneurs, College and University Business Programs to provide their services.

- 7.6 Meeting frequency** – Meetings will remain based on the Terms of Reference at quarterly meetings and Special Meetings will be called at the call of the Chair. Chair Rooyakkers called for a Special Meeting to be held May 24th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and a meeting for June 28th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

7.7 Presentation length

- The length of an invited presentation to the Committee is 30 minutes



- A delegation to the Committee is 10 minutes

8. Ongoing/Unresolved/Inactive Items – None for this session

9. General Follow Up/Roundtable Discussion None for this session

10. In-Camera (if required) – None for this session

11. Adjournment

Motion No. 2023-11

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT the Economic Development Committee meeting adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDING CLERK