



Be it resolved that the East Ferris Economic Development Committee recommend Council look at an event planner for the East Ferris Tradeshow culminating in 2023.

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#### **4.2 Letters Referred from Council RE: Natural Gas**

The Committee discussed letters drafted by Phil Koning regarding natural gas in the area which were referred from Council. Discussions were had regarding the possibility of getting natural gas in East Ferris as well as the associated costs. Mr. Kirton will contact Enbridge Gas and follow up with the Committee.

#### **4.3 Digital Main Street Research Update – Phil Koning**

Deferred to next meeting

#### **4.4 Business Retention and Expansion Program Research – Phil Koning**

Discussions were had regarding a Business Retention and Expansion Program. Mr. Kirton advised the municipality does have a plan in place, which is from 2015. Mr. Kirton will take a greater look into the program to see what is relevant and what aspects align with the strategic plan. Mr. Kirton will provide an electronic version of the program to the Committee.

#### **4.5 BizPal Ontario Program Research Update – Phil Koning**

The Committee discussed the BizPal Ontario program which is an online resource for businesses to gather permit and licensing information for specific municipalities. Municipal staff will investigate the program and update the Committee at a future meeting.

#### **4.6 IPM 2019 Follow Up**

Mr. Koning advised he attended the IPM and had a great time. The event is geared towards rural living and not just farming. The Committee discussed future events and how the municipality can get involved on a cost-conscious scale.

#### **4.7 2019 Winter East Ferris Business After Hours**

Mr. Kirton advised the Chamber of Commerce is interested in taking part in another Business After Hours. Mr. Lacourse suggested the event take place during Carnival if possible. Mr. Kirton will look at other potential dates.

### **5. General Follow Up/Roundtable**

Ms. Knight van schaayk advised the Committee she will be attending the Rural Broadband Conference in November. The Committee discussed changes in internet plans in the area. Councillor Trahan advised that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is currently

accepting applications for citizen appointment. Mr. Kirton advised the Committee that the Business Centre is currently looking for programming ideas for next year and any suggestions would be appreciated.

**6. Adjournment**

No. 2019-04

Moved by Steven Trahan

Seconded by Phil Koning

That the Economic Development Committee adjourn at 1:47 p.m.

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