



Economic Development Task Force Minutes

9:30 AM - Monday, July 15, 2024
Council Chambers

Notes of the Economic Development Task Force held on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 9:30 AM at the Council Chambers.

- Present:** Councillor Stephanie Regent (Chair); Deputy Mayor John Inglis; Councillor Roy Huetl; Betty Hunter; Danielle Kesco; Derrick Lancaster; Paul Thiel and Dan Vaillancourt
- Absent with Regret:** Brooke Ross, Dipl.M.A., Manager of Community Development (MCD); and Cyndy Bonello
- Also Present:** Tara Mieske – Clerk/Planning Manager (filling in for Brooke Ross – Manager of Community Development); Lori Newman (Secretary) and Richard Allen, Manager Of Economic Development, County of Frontenac

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:30 a.m.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Stephanie Regent (Chair) read the Traditional Land Acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Economic Development Task Force Notes

- a) ***Notes of the June 17, 2024 EDTF Meeting as approved via email and were received for information at the June 27, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.***

5. Business Arising

- a) ***Identify barriers to housing development and potential solutions – Inglis, Regent, Lancaster, Kesco***

The working group reported that they have held three meetings to identify barriers to housing development and potential solutions and will continue to meet to work on this initiative. They are working on a draft questionnaire/survey for public opinion to bring to the next EDTF meeting to consider - prior to presenting to Council.

- b) ***Fall Business Bus Tour - Vaillancourt, Hunter***

The working group reported that the Bus Tour for Businesses to attend other businesses throughout the Township in 2024 will take place on September 18th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. The working group for this project will continue to meet to work on this initiative and will provide an update at the next EDTF meeting.

c) *Welcome Package - Bonello*

Deferred as Cyndy Bonello and Brooke Ross – Manager of Community Development (MCD) are absent.

d) *Business Breakfast (Oct) - Hunter, Huetl, Bonello*

The working group informed the EDTF that the Business Breakfast will take place on Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 at the Clar-Mill Community Hall in Plevna. The group is awaiting confirmation from the guest speakers before sending out emails to invite the businesses.

e) *Business Profiles - Lancaster, Thiel*

Derrick Lancaster completed the July Business Profile featuring North Of Seven Tree Service.

f) *SummerFest - Bonello, Hunter, Inglis*

The Summer Event sub-committee have been busy planning the 2024 Summer Fest at the Clar-Mill Community Hall in Plevna to take place on July 20, 2024. Betty Hunter reported that they are still looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday, July 19th from 3:00 p.m.

g) *WinterFest - Bonello, Hunter, Inglis*

Deferred to the next EDTF meeting.

h) *Spring/Fall Foodilicious Event - Thiel, Huetl, Regent*

Councillor Roy Huetl advised that he will no longer be working on the Spring/Fall Foodilicious sub-committee as he is involved with multiple other initiatives. Stephanie Regent and Paul Thiel will meet to discuss the potential event and will report back to the EDTF.

i) *Mural Project*

The unveiling of the Round 9 Art Murals will take place at the North Frontenac Regular Meeting of Council on October 4, 2024.

j) *Information Booth Kiosk - Regent, Kecso, Thiel*

The North Frontenac Information booth/kiosk working group is still awaiting direction from

the Public Works Manager regarding the sign by-law and will bring back to a future EDTF meeting for consideration before submitting for Council consideration. Stephanie Regent will request an update from the Public Works Manager and will bring back information to the next EDTF meeting.

6. New Business

- a) ***Betty Hunter reported that the North Frontenac Amateur Astronomy Club's 2024 "Starfest" will be held on Friday, September 6th to Sunday, September 8th, 2024. The North Frontenac Amateur Astronomy Club would like to request to Council that the Festival of Stars receive exemption from By-law #66-17 to Prohibit Camping on Municipal Property to permit tent camping at the Astronomy Park September 6-8, 2024, during the Festival of Stars, conditional upon the North Frontenac Amateur Astronomy Club providing proof of insurance and security for the duration of camping.***
- b) ***Richard Allen, Manager Of Economic Development, County Of Frontenac reported that the 2024 Frontenac Business Retreat & Awards will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at the RKY Camp in Parham. Nominations are open August 19th and close September 30th.***
- c) ***Stephanie Regent reported that admission to Bon Echo Park will be free on Friday, July 19th to attend the Friends of Bon Echo Festival of the Arts.***

7. Adjournment

- a) ***Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.***

Recommendations to Council

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the July 15, 2024 Notes of the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF);

And That Council approves the Festival of Stars exemption from By-law #66-17 to Prohibit Camping on Municipal Property to permit tent camping only at the Astronomy Park September 6-8, 2024, conditional upon the North Frontenac Amateur Astronomy Club providing proof of insurance and security for the duration of camping and layout of sites to be approved by the Manager of Community Development prior to the event.

Received by Council on July 25, 2024.

Councillor Stephanie Regent, Chair
Township of North Frontenac EDTF

