

Economic Development Task Force Agenda

9:00 AM - Monday, July 21, 2025

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

We begin this gathering by acknowledging and celebrating these traditional lands as a gathering place of the first peoples and their ancestors who are entrusted to care for Mother Earth since time immemorial. We do so respecting both the land and the Indigenous People who continue to walk with us through this world. Today, the Township of North Frontenac is committed to working with Indigenous Peoples and all residents to pursue a united path of reconciliation.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Economic Development Task Force Notes

- a) Notes of the May 20, 2025 EDTF Meeting as approved via email and were received for information at the June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council. 3 - 5

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5. Business Arising

- a) Review Updated 2025 Work Plan 6
[2025 EDTF Work Plan - updated April 22, 2025](#)
- b) Welcome Package – Bonello
- c) Business Profiles –Thiel, Huetl
- d) Improvement of Township Community Improvement Plan – Inglis, Huetl, MCD
- e) Bi-annual/Quarterly Business Owners Workshop Meetings – Bonello, Vaillancourt
- f) Attend Three (3) Tradeshowes per year – Bonello, Thiel
- g) SummerFest (July 19, 2025) – Bonello, Inglis, Vaillancourt
- h) Mural Project - MCD
- i) ATV Trails (including K&P Trail) Opportunities and Promotion – Huetl, Bonello

6. New Business

- a) Member Recruitment

7. Adjournment

a) Meeting adjourned at _____ a.m.



Economic Development Task Force Minutes

9:00 AM - Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Council Chambers

Present: Deputy Mayor John Inglis (Acting Chair); Councillor Roy Huetl; Cyndy Bonello and Dan Vaillancourt

Absent with Regret: Councillor Stephanie Regent (Chair); Paul Thiel; and Brandon Hartwig

Also Present: Brooke Ross, Dipl.M.A., Manager of Community Development (MCD); Richard Allen, Manager of Economic Development (County of Frontenac); Alyssa Borger, Economic and Community Development Student and Lori Newman (Secretary)

1. Call to Order

a) Introduction of Alyssa Borger, Economic and Community Development Student

The MCD introduced Alyssa Borger, Economic and Community Development Student to the EDTF.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor John Inglis (Acting 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 April 22, 2025 EDTF Meeting as approved via email and were received for information at the May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council.

Deputy Mayor John Inglis reported that Councillor Stephanie Regent contacted him to advise that she would not be attending today's EDTF meeting because of the EDTF Work Plan changes that occurred at the last EDTF meeting. Deputy Mayor Inglis expressed that he is not interested in continuing to be Acting Chair for the EDTF meetings in Councillor Stephanie Regent's absence.

The EDTF discussed the changes that were made at the last meeting to the 2025 Workplan and explained that these items have not been completely removed off the table and that they are placed in an on-going "Parking Lot" for when new information arises and that the sub-groups may still wish to continue working on these items; however, there are other items that the EDTF can make progress on and which will be added and

focused on for the 2025 Workplan. Every year the EDTF sets a work plan to attempt to accomplish within that calendar year.

The EDTF expressed concerns regarding the important work that they complete based on some negative social media postings that were recently shared by members of the community this past weekend. As volunteers they work very hard to accomplish tasks and find it was rather disheartening to see these negative comments.

A member of the public shared comments regarding the Mayor changing the workplan; however, Deputy Mayor Inglis advised that the Mayor had attended the previous meeting to provide his thoughts; however, the decision to change the Work Plan was made by the EDTF after the Mayor left the meeting.

It was noted that the EDTF is hoping Council will consider enhanced funding throughout the future for their initiatives. It was requested that the future of the EDTF be discussed at an upcoming Council meeting. The remainder of the Agenda items are being deferred until a later date after discussions occur regarding the EDTF.

5. Business Arising

a) Mural Project - MCD

The MCD requested that staff be able to proceed with a random draw for mural locations so that artists could be notified and that the project could continue moving forward. The EDTF agreed.

6. Adjournment

a) Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

NOTE : The next meeting of the EDTF will take place on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Council Chambers located at 6648 Road 506, Plevna.

Recommendations to Council

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the May 20, 2025 Notes of the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF);

And That Deputy Mayor Inglis will discuss the EDTF's concerns at an upcoming meeting of Council.

Received by Council on June 12, 2025.

Councillor Stephanie Regent, Chair
Township of North Frontenac EDTF



Economic Development Task Force

2025 Work Plan (Modified Resolution #121-25)

Objectives

1. Increased number of business startups and expansions
2. Increased Tourism
3. Promotion of a range of housing options to provide affordable housing including Public-Private Partnerships (PPEs)

Initiatives

1. Increased number of business startups and expansions

- a. Welcome Package – Bonello
- b. Business Dinner & Forum (April) – Vaillancourt, Regent, Huetl
- c. Business Profiles –Thiel, Huetl
- d. National Tradesman Day Breakfast (Sept) – MCD
- e. Improvement of Township Community Improvement Plan – Inglis, Huetl, MCD
- f. Bi-annual/Quarterly Business Owners Workshop Meetings – Bonello, Vaillancourt

2. Increased Tourism

- a. Attend Three (3) Tradeshows per year – Bonello, Thiel
- b. SummerFest (July 19, 2025) – Bonello, Inglis, Vaillancourt
- c. WinterFest (February 22, 2025) – Bonello, Inglis, Watson
- d. Spring/Fall Foodilicious Event – Thiel, Regent, Kecso
- e. Mural Project - MCD
- f. NF Commercial Signage – Regent, Kecso, Thiel
- g. ATV Trails (including K&P Trail) Opportunities and Promotion – Huetl, Bonello
- h. Strengthen relationship with Frontenac County Economic Development Team – County Representatives
- i. Advertising Initiatives to improve visitors coming to North Frontenac

3. Promotion of a range of housing options to provide affordable housing including Public-Private Partnerships (PPEs)

- a. Identify barriers to housing development and potential solutions – Inglis, Regent, Kecso, Hartwig