Economic Development Task Force Minutes

10:00 AM - Monday, June 15, 2026
Council Chambers

Present:	Councillor John Inglis (Chair); Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl; Cyndy Bonello; Paul Thiel; Dan Vaillancourt; and Betty Hunter.
Absent with Regret:	
Also Present:	Brooke Ross, Dipl.M.A., Manager of Community Development (MCD); and Alyssa Borger, Economic/Community Development Student (Acting Secretary).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Economic Development Task Force Notes

a) Notes of the May 19, 2026 EDTF Meeting as approved via email and were received for information at the June 11, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.

5. Presentation

a) Frontenac Business Services

The EDTF received the presentation from Shaunis Sakell, Business Advisor at Frontenac Business Services regarding the current services that Frontenac Business Services offer and thanked her for her time spent today.

The EDTF discussed that Frontenac Business Services or other Agencies that work along side them already provide Youth Entrepreneurship Programs, Funding, etc. and the Township should not duplicate the efforts; however, the Township could work on a potential brochure that would make this information more readily available. Alyssa Borger, Township summer student will work on a brochure for the EDTFs consideration.

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6. Business Arising

a) Bi-annual Business Owners Workshop Meetings (June 10, 2026 7pm-9pm) – Bonello,

Vaillancourt

The first Bi-annual Business Owners Workshop on June 10th went well. There was about 12 people in attendance. The working group will review the findings further and present to the EDTF at a future meeting.

b) Work Plan

1. **Increased number of business startups and expansions**
    a. Welcome Package – Bonello

There are still lots of welcome packages available and the Township summer student continues to work on trying to get more information/promo items from our businesses to include within the packages.

    b. Business Dinner & Forum (April 17, 2026) – Vaillancourt, Huetl, Hunter

No update - previous initiative.

    c. Business Profiles –Thiel

Paul Thiel and Alyssa Borger continue working on completing more business profiles.

    d. National Tradesman Day Breakfast (Sept) – MCD

No update.

    e. Improvement of Township Community Improvement Plan (CIP) – Inglis, Huetl, MCD

The new CIP is now open for Applications until July 12th. There has already been businesses expressing interest. Next year we will aim to have the Application intake sooner and for a longer duration; however, it had to be shorter this year, due to the short turn around time for construction season.

2. **Increased Tourism**
    a. Attend Two (2) Tradeshows – Bonello, Thiel, Hunter

No update.

    b. SummerFest (July 18, 2026 11-4) – Bonello, Inglis, Vaillancourt

SummerFest planning is going well, and has hit another record again this year with more vendors in attendance then any previous SummerFest event hosted by the EDTF. The working group continues planning.

    c. WinterFest (February) – Bonello, Inglis, Hunter

No update.

    d. ATV Trails (including K&P Trail) Opportunities and Promotion – Huetl, Bonello

The Ottawa Valley ATV Club is planning a fall ride October 3rd and 4th. The EDTF is happy that this event is progressing well. We will help advertise this event if necessary via the Township's social media pages, etc.

    e. Advertising Initiatives to improve visitors coming to North Frontenac

No update.

7. New Business

None.

8. Adjournment

a) Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

NOTE : The next meeting of the EDTF will take place on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 10:00 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 June 15, 2026 Notes of the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF).

Received by Council on July 9, 2026.

Councillor John Inglis, Chair

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Presentation to North Frontenac Economic Development Committee

June 15, 2026

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Strategic Priorities

Brand Fortitude and Business Promotion

Investing for Impact

Food and Beverage

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Investing for Impact

Job Creation

Business Profitability

Community Issues

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Transition Program

- Succession Ontario
- Venture Connect
- Enhanced Financial Review for Buyers

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Medical Practitioner Recruitment Loan

To support the County Economic Development staff in attracting primary care providers

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Youth Entrepreneurs

- Starter Company Plus
- Summer Company
- Owners Wanted (Futrepreneur)
- Business Benefit Finder
- Youth Entrepreneurship Guide https://sbs-spe.feddevontario.canada.ca/en/youth-entrepreneurship-guide

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