

Minutes of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7:30 am in the Community Futures Boardroom, 135 Third Street, Duncan, BC.

PRESENT

George Robbins, Chair
Director I. Morrison
Sandra Goth, Russ Jenkins, Blair Herbert, Michael Kelly, Marsha Stanley, Dana Thorne and Roger Hart (7:45am)

ALSO PRESENT

Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning & Development
Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development
Kathy Lachman, EDC Business Development Officer
Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Director P. Kent and Warren Weir

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Economic Development Commission meeting held July 18, 2013 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

REPORTS

R1 – Movie Theatre

Geoff Millar gave an update and will communicate further with the City of Duncan, 2013 Junior Council.

R2 – Subcommittee Report

It was moved and seconded to accept Blair Herbert’s subcommittee report with recommendations regarding the Clemens Rettich report.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to recommend the Board Chair appoint Blair Herbert as the Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED

R3 – Updates

Marsha Stanley gave an update on the Agriculture Advisory Commission.

Director Morrison gave an update on the Board.

Kathy Lachman gave an update on the Climate Action Project.

Mike Kelly gave an update on the Regional Tourism Advisory Group.

Roger Hart gave an update on the Environment Commission.

Dana Thorne gave an update on Cowichan Tribes.

Geoff Millar gave an update on Co-op's.

R4 – Round Table

Chair Robbins circulated eight goals from Economic Development Strategy.

The following list of items was compiled for further discussion at the next meeting:

- Tourism Infrastructure
- Food Processing
- Marine Hwy
- Secondary Manufacturing Forest
- Transportation Plan - E&N Island Corridor, Hwys, Marine, Airport
- Knowledge Based Industries
- Unique Proposition
- Promoting area to residents / Tourist in Home Town
- Coops
- Regulatory barriers to Business & Development
- Business Walk – 5 Questions – Intel
- Local First – 10% Shift Strategy – Listening to Local Business
- CVRD Budget
- Social Service Non Profit Sector
- Film – Infrastructure
- Advocacy for Region
- Strategic Partners – Cowichan Tribes, DNC
- Agri Tourism
- Pilot Training
- Bird Watching

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

State of Economy to be placed on October agenda.

Geoff Millar will report back on Regional Chambers MOU.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Not applicable.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am. Next meeting is on October 17, 2013.

Chair

Recording Secretary