

**Revelstoke and Area  
Minutes of the Economic Development Commission  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.  
in the Revelstoke Business and Visitor Information Centre Boardroom,  
301 Victoria Road West**

PRESENT: Members Brett Renaud, Connie Brothers, Loni Parker, Nicole Fricot, Mark Baron, Rob Elliott, Roberta Bobicki, Kira Wolf, Nathan Weston  
Staff Alan Mason, Director of Community Economic Development  
Brooke Burke, Recording Secretary  
ABSENT: Kristina Welch, Kevin Dorrius, Robyn Goldsmith, Tracey Buckley

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by chair, Roberta Bobicki at 4:00 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Brett Renaud

Seconded by Nicole Fricot

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Brett Renaud

Seconded by Loni Parker

THAT the minutes from January 11, 2017 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Page 4 Item 10c – Avalanche System at 3 Valley Gap** – Alan reported the Ministry of Highways was contacted and email response was forwarded to all Commission members. It was noted once the system is fully functional and can be done remotely, closures can happen when least amount of traffic on highway such as midnight to 2am.

**Page 2 Item 6 – Allan Chabot, CAO** – Commission found Allan’s attending last meeting very informative and appreciated his attendance.

**5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REFRESH**

Alan noted the input and support he has received over the years from the Commission has been very valued to his role. Referred to the workplan that is done each year, noting it would be a good time for his predecessor to work with the Commission, Chamber and business community to update some of the objectives. Members agreed it would be a good idea.

Discussion moved to issues on building development and developing a better relationship with City staff on being more open to help guide individuals and/or companies with getting permits approved. Question asked if there was any way some of the rules could not be so black and white, show some flexibility on the City's side if possible.

Mayor McKee added that council seems to be dealing with one crisis situation after another, which affects their ability to get done what is wanted. When the City hires the new planner they will have to look at updating the OCP and zoning bylaws. It was suggested that the City might put out more ads or articles to inform the public more effectively. Communication from the City still seems to be an issue as the community sees it. General discussion.

**6. ACTIVITY REPORT**

Alan reviewed the report and the following was highlighted:

- New ski shuttle bus is now operational
- Tech Steering Committee had the first meeting which went well. Noted the Revelstoke Tech Summit is Feb.21 at RSS, will have a tradeshow for the students with speakers and also a speaking engagement for the community in the evening.
- BC Transit is doing a 5 year service review. Has been some talk about getting bus service in the downtown area before regular working hours.
- New charter air service has been going well. Pacific Coastal is very interested in expanding their current service, and would like to continue service to Revelstoke.

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DATA**

**Hotel Promotional Funding**

Alan reviewed funding chart with the Commission. Also noted the recent census figures just released showing an increase in population with Revelstoke and Area B.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Roberta expressed her gratitude for all that Alan has done for the Commission and the community over the years. She also thanked Brooke for her organization of the meetings and the minutes.

Mayor McKee added a person has been selected for Alan's position and they have accepted, it will just to council for review and then be announced.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Nicole Fricot moved to adjourn meeting at 5:10 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberta', written over a horizontal line.

Roberta Bobicki, Chair