

**District of Maple Ridge
Economic Advisory Commission
Regular Minutes**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Advisory Commission, held in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge Municipal Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on **Thursday, March 18** at 7:30 AM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Ernie Daykin	Mayor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Al Hogarth	Councillor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Michael Morden	Councillor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Mike Shardlow	Chair, Economic Advisory Commission
Commissioner Bruce West	Vice-Chair, Economic Advisory Commission
Commissioner Steve Pelton	Economic Advisory Commission
Commissioner Racine Barbour	Downtown MR BIA Liaison
Commissioner Nicole Breuls	Economic Advisory Commission

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Rule	Chief Administrative Officer
Sandy Blue	Manager Strategic Economic Initiatives
Darrell Denton	Business Retention & Expansion Officer
Alexandra Tudose	Administration Assistant

REGRETS

Commissioner Oliver Perez	Chamber of Commerce Liaison
Commissioner Bonnie Telep	MR/PM Arts Council Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Shardlow called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the March 18, 2010 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE EAC REGULAR MEETING

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge EAC Regular Meeting of February 18, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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4. BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5.1. Introduce Alexandra Tudose – Administrative Assistant
Sandy Blue introduced Alexandra Tudose, the new Administrative Assistant in the Department of Strategic Economic Initiatives who took over Erin Mark's responsibilities in her role.
- 5.2. MVC Olympic Business recap
Sandy Blue provided a recap of the Metro Vancouver Commerce business program during the 2010 Olympic Games. Sandy Blue noted that of the 150 companies invited to attend, 71 companies arrived who are interested in developing partnerships with other businesses in their sectors, as well as local, provincial and federal governments to capitalize on the highest investment opportunities. Mayor Ernie Daykin and Councillor Al Hogarth shared their experience while attending MVC sessions.
- 5.3. EAC Workshop Follow-Up (Action/Next Steps)
The workshop outcomes were discussed, there was an interest in land use, however it was agreed that further discussion would take place after the District concluded their land use study.
- 5.4. EAC Commission Vacancy posting
Sandy Blue requested input from the Commissioners for the EAC Vacancy posting. Sandy Blue noted that the EAC Commission Vacancy posting will be advertised in the Maple Ridge News, as well as posted on the www.investmapleridge.ca website. There are up to four vacancies that need to be filled. Chair Mike Shardlow followed and was pleased to announce that Bonnie Telep joined the Commission as the Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Arts Council Liaison Commissioner.

6. DECISION ITEMS

There were none.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1. EAC Bylaw Final
7.2. Commissioner Contact List
7.3. Event Calendar

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Sandy Blue noted that, as a follow up to the 2008 Economic Summit, the Department of Strategic Economic Initiatives is planning an, by invitation only, Education Summit in May/mid-June of this year. Chair Mike Shardlow opened up the floor to a discussion. The Commission was supportive of this opportunity. Sandy Blue reminded the Commission to follow the Department of Strategic Economic Initiatives on their blog at: <http://blog.investmapleridge.ca/>.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next EAC meeting – Thursday April 15, 2010 at 7:30 AM

Commissioners are reminded to email Committee to invest@mapleridge.ca.

Adjourned - 9:00 am

Chairperson