

**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, January 21, 2010** at 7:30 AM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Ernie Daykin	Mayor, 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 Oliver Perez	Chamber of Commerce Liaison
Commissioner Racine Barbour	Downtown MR BIA Liaison

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Blue	Manager Economic Development
Erin Mark	Administration Assistant

REGRETS

Commissioner Al Hogarth	Councillor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Nicole Breuls	Economic Advisory Commission
Commissioner Roger Welch	MR/PM Arts Council Liaison
Jim Rule	Chief Administrative Officer
Darrell Denton	Business Retention & Expansion Officer

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 January 21, 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 November 26, 2009 be adopted as presented.

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4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4.1. Response to Council – Economic Development Funding
Chair Mike Shardlow requested input from the Commissioners for the EAC presentation to Council on February 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm. It is the view of the Commission that part time staffing isn't sufficient to achieve the department's goals. The Commission also suggested that changing the Manager Economic Development title to Director Economic Development could help open doors with prospective investors.
- 4.2. EAC Workshop Follow-Up
Item was deferred to a future EAC meeting.
- 4.3. EAC Commissioner Profiles – Website
Sandy Blue requested all EAC Commissioners provide a short bio (2-3 sentences) and headshot that will be posted on the investmapleridge.ca website. Commissioners are requested to send their photo and bio to invest@mapleridge.ca
- 4.4. Updates – 224th St Infrastructure Project & Mayor's Welcome Initiative
Mayor Daykin shared his experience with the Welcome Business Initiative. Businesses have responded well to the initiative and have indicated that they are looking forward to further growth in the community.

The tender for the 224th Construction project will be issued in February - March 2010. A Downtown Road & Utility Rehabilitation Project Liaison Committee is being set up to assist with the project management, and is currently accepting applications from local business owners/residents.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1. Commission Vacancies

It was moved and seconded

That the EAC recommend to Council to revise EAC Bylaw No. 6179-2003 by deleting Section 6(d) in its entirety and revise Section 6(g) to read "Six Community Members preferably representatives from each of the priority sectors identified in the EAC strategy." In addition, Section 5 will be deleted and replaced with "Commissioners are people who reside, own a business, or conduct business in Maple Ridge, with an interest in the economic development of the community."

Commission vacancies will be advertised in February.

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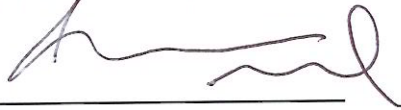
6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6.1. Commissioner Contact List
- 6.2. Event Calendar

Next EAC meeting - Thursday February 21, 2010 at 7:30 AM

Commissioners are reminded to email Committee reports (Agriculture, Tourism, DMRBIA and Chamber) to invest@mapleridge.ca.

Adjourned - 9:00 am



Chairperson