

**District of Maple Ridge  
ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Special 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, April 17, 2008** at 7:30 a.m.

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Peter Janis	Co-Chair, Community at Large
Commissioner Ernie Daykin	Councillor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Racine Barbour	Director of the Arts Council
Commissioner Steve Pelton	Community at Large
Commissioner Bruce West	Community at Large
Commissioner Al Hogarth	Councillor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner George Santana	Director of Tourism Society

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Rule	Chief Administrative Officer
Sandy Blue	Manager Economic Development
Pat Shiratti	Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS**

Perry Bateson	Representative, Chamber of Commerce
Jane Pickering	Director of Planning

**REGRETS**

Commissioner Gordon Robson	Mayor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Guy Flavelle	Chair, Community at Large
Commissioner Claus Andrup	Community at Large
Commissioner Jeff Carpenter	President, Chamber of Commerce
Tammy Deniz	Maple Ridge Downtown Business Association

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Peter Janis called the meeting to order at 7:35 am and gave a warm welcome to EAC Commissioners and special guests.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion to adopt the March 27, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

MOVED BY:	Racine B.
SECONDED BY:	Bruce W.

CARRIED

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Motion to adopt the April 17, 2008 Agenda**

MOVED BY:	Racine B.
SECONDED BY:	George S.

CARRIED

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 International Development Days**

IDD 2008 Conference May 20 – 22 - deferred

**5. CURRENT PROJECTS - n/a**

**6. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

Peter J. introduced our special speaker, Miriam Laberge, as Presenter/Facilitator from Breakthroughs Unlimited. Miriam both presented on community/stakeholder engagement as a subject matter expert and facilitated on meeting outcomes.

The purpose of this presentation is to review best practises and alternative approaches for fostering community dialogue (the #1 Strategy in the EAC Strategic Plan), and to flesh out initial ideas on appropriate actions for engaging community stakeholders around economic development priorities, issues and benefits.

**7. NEXT MEETING - May 22, 2008**

**8. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am**

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