

**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 **Wednesday, June 27, 2007** at 7:30 a.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Peter Janis	Community at Large, Co-Chair
Commissioner Ken Galpin	Community at Large
Commissioner Racine Barbour	Chamber of Commerce
Commissioner Steve Pelton	Community at Large
Commissioner Terry Wilding	Tourism Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows
Jim Rule	Chief Administrative Officer, District of Maple Ridge

STAFF PRESENT

Rick Laferriere	Business Retention & Expansion Officer
Pat Shiratti	Administrative Assistant

REGRETS

Commissioner Gordon Robson	Mayor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Al Hogarth	Councillor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Ernie Daykin	Councillor, District of Maple Ridge
Commissioner Guy Flavelle	Community at Large, Chair
Commissioner Shane James	Home-based Business Representative

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

<i>Ian. McLeod</i>	<i>Golden Ears Bridge</i>
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1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

There being a quorum present, Co-Chair Peter J. called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion to adopt the May 17, 2007 meeting minutes

MOVED BY: Ken G.

SECONDED BY: Steve P.

CARRIED

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Peter J. welcomed the Commissioners and reviewed meeting Agenda.

Motion to approve revised June 27, 2007 Agenda.

MOVED BY: Steve P.

SECONDED BY: Terry W.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 BIA Update

Racine B. reported on the activities of the BIA. The safety and security sub-committee is planning a large forum for seniors. Initiatives to be covered at this forum are on fire safety, downtown core security improvements (for walkers) and road improvements (installation of curb extensions). Racine mentioned that a member of the Police Department will be invited to give a presentation. BIA also discussed “sparkle campaign” as part of the beautification initiative where businesses are encouraged to clean up store fronts.

4.2 Projects Update

Agricultural Commission

Steve P. attended the first Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting two weeks ago. He reported that there seems to be lots of community interest at the meeting noted by the number of people who attended. The next meeting will be held in September 2007.

Street Banners

Rick L. reported that the new street banners have been installed in the downtown area and will also be installed in Memorial Peace Park. Rick L. also mentioned that The District issued an RFP for development along 224th Street.

5. CURRENT PROJECTS

5.1 Website

Rick L. announced that the Economic Development website is now live. The new site address is www.investmapleridge.ca

Rick L. reported that there is an open house tonight at the Municipal Hall from 4pm to 8pm focusing on plans for downtown development, hosted by the Planning Department. This forum focuses on improvements on parking and bike routes in downtown and safety measures to create a more walkable downtown core area

5.2 Communications

Peter J. presented a “communication wheel” concept where one topic is chosen for discussion from an economic perspective and reported to Mayor and Council through correspondence, then to be published in newspaper. It was decided to start with Item #1 – “Reducing traffic can reduce pollution and improve family life.....”.

5.3 Technology Sector Business Case

Rick L. reviewed components of the draft RFP with respect to developing a technology business case.

6. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Golden Ears Bridge Update

I. McLeod

Peter J. gave a warm welcome to Ian McLeod from Golden Crossing Constructors. Ian presented updates on bridge construction, showing a photograph of foundation piles already installed in the river and along shoreline, agenda of upcoming road closures, other apparent impacts in traffic patterns, as well as an update on the other side of river in Langley.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – n/a

8. **NEXT MEETING** – September 20, 2007 at 7:30 am
9. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Chairperson