

City of Maple Ridge
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee, held in the McKenney Room, at Maple Ridge Municipal Hall on Thursday, March 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dominic Kotarski, Chair	Community at Large
Camilla Brown	Community at Large
Chrislana Gregory	Community at Large
Al Hogarth	Community at Large
Tom Meier	Community at Large
Councillor Yousef	City of Maple Ridge
James Zelinski	Community at Large

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Wendy Dupley	Staff Liaison / Director, Economic Development
Bruce Livingstone	Business Retention and Expansion Officer, Economic Development

REGRETS/ABSENTS

Karen Hansen	Administrative Assistant, Economic Development
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1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R20-01

It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda of March 5, 2020 be adopted

CARRIED

3. MINUTE ADOPTION

R20-02

It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of November 7, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On-line Demonstration of ZoomProspector by GIS Planning Inc.

Pablo Monzon from GIS Planning Inc provided an online demonstration of ZoomProspector, a GIS-based economic development planning tool that combines

geographic, census, real estate and business information. Committee members believe this tool would be very beneficial for businesses looking to locate or relocate in Maple Ridge-- subject to cost.

5. STAFF LIAISON UPDATE

5.1 Regional Technology Sector Strategy Development Status

Wendy Dupley provided an update on the Regional Technology Sector Development Strategy that Maple Ridge is developing in partnership with the Township of Langley, District of Mission, City of Abbotsford, and Chilliwack Economic Partnership.

5.2 Business Walk Update

Bruce Livingstone provided an update on follow-up activities from the 2019 Downtown Business Walk and preliminary plans for the 2020 Downtown Business Walk.

5.3 Metro Vancouver Prosperity Committee

Ms. Dupley reported that she been asked to become a member of the Metro Vancouver Prosperity Committee which is looking at developing coordinated economic development strategies, particularly for foreign direct investment, at the Metro Vancouver level.

5.4 Upcoming events: Community Leaders, Fraser Valley Tech Summit/Innovation Forum

Mr. Livingstone provided an update on plans for the upcoming Community Leaders Forum on June 25 and the Fraser Valley Tech Summit/Innovation Forum planned for October 15.

5.5 REIN's University Effect report

Ms. Dupley provided a brief overview of REIN's University Effect Report and offered to provide copies to any interested EDC members.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

7. ROUNDTABLE

Nothing to report.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Chair, Dominic Kotarski

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