



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development
September 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.
Via Video/Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Present: Mayor R. Alty, ex-officio, Chair,
Councillor J. Morse,
D. Connelly,
D. L. Demarcke,
P. Gruner (12:36 p.m.),
P. Houweling (12:08 p.m.),
K. Ruptash,
S. Siqueira,
T. St-Denis,
K. Thomas (12:12 p.m.), and
R. Warburton.

The following representative from Yellowknives Dene First Nation was in attendance:
K. Testart.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:
S. Bassi-Kellett,
K. Thistle,
J. Farmer, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order

1. Mayor R. Alty called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Opening Statement

2. Mayor R. Alty read the Opening Statement.

New Member Introduction

3. Mayor R. Alty introduced newly appointed members S. Siqueira, Councillor J. Morse and D. L. Demarcke to Committee.



Approval of Agenda

4. Committee approved the Agenda as presented.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

5. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Status Update of Implementation Plan for City of Yellowknife's 2020-2024 Economic Development Strategy

6. Mayor R. Alty provided background on the two attachments to the Agenda:
 - a. The City's presentation of September 9, 2021 to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Social Development regarding Bill 30 – An Act to Amend the *Aurora College Act* and the upcoming engagement process; and
 - b. The City's letter of July 14, 2021 to Federal and Territorial Ministers regarding the Giant Mine Remediation Project.
7. Administration provided an overview of the status of the Economic Development Strategy 2020-2024 Implementation Plan (the "Implementation Plan"), noting changes since it was adopted in March of 2021.
8. Mayor R. Alty provided background on the Zoning By-law Review timeline and procedures for public participation and feedback.
9. Committee discussed the Priority Actions within the Implementation Plan.
10. Administration provided background in response to specific inquiries from Committee concerning the Zoning By-law/Kam Lake; developing an integrated tourist, investment, worker and resident attraction strategy; and the Visitor Centre.

Action Item: Administration will circulate an overview presentation regarding the Zoning By-law Review to prepare Committee for the upcoming statutory public hearing if members express interest.

11. Committee discussed the Development Permitting and Request for Proposals processes for a new temporary day shelter. Committee members agreed that there is a need for a second temporary day shelter, but expressed concerns regarding the location of the temporary day shelter and the impact it may have on businesses in the downtown core. Some members noted that businesses have tried to work with the GNWT to provide alternative options but have not been taken up on those offers. Some members further noted that there are other options that the business community could provide that would balance business needs and the vulnerable population.
12. Administration provided background regarding the Giant Mine socio-economic profile and Remediation Project and related concerns and welcomed Committee to provide feedback.

Action Item: Administration will arrange a call amongst interested Committee members regarding opportunities at the Giant Mine site.



Next Meeting

13. The next meeting was deferred and will be scheduled at a later date.

Adjournment

14. J. Morse moved,
R. Warburton seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Prepared: September 23, 2021 /BP