



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Economic Development and Tourism Committee

**Brovold Room
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
at 7:00 pm**

Present: Councillor Amy Lubik, Chair
Madeleine Baker
Jamie Banfield
Tessa Chandler
Yvette Cuthbert
Shora Ebrahimi
Mark Malik
Jennifer McKinnon
Madisyn McPhail
Calvin Ramsson
Michael Scarcella

Absent: Councillor Haven Lurbiecki, Vice-Chair
Michael Hind

In Attendance: Riley Dowling, Legislative Services Coordinator
Joji Kumagai, Manager of Economic Development

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

EDTC26/001

THAT the agenda of the January 7, 2026, Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes

EDTC26/002

THAT the minutes of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting held on November 5, 2025, be adopted.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 Committee Orientation

Terms of Reference: Legislative Services Coordinator

The Chair led introductions of Committee members and staff. Each member introduced themselves and described their professional backgrounds and interest in the Committee.

Staff gave the Committee a presentation titled "2026 Committee Orientation" and referred to slides contained within the on-table package.

There was no Committee discussion for this item.

6.2 Work Plan and Summary of Key Development Policies

Work Plan: Manager of Economic Development

Staff gave the Committee a presentation titled "Overview of 2026 EDTC Work Plan" and referred to slides contained in the on-table package.

In response to questions, the committee was informed that personal services such as yoga studios are not considered within the scope of "health-related businesses" under the Fraser Health Priorities item, and that technical professionals such as physiotherapy or medical clinics are the intended "health-related businesses".

Committee discussion ensued regarding subjects that the Committee is interested in discussing during the year, including:

- roundtable discussions with small businesses on how to better support them;
- the development climate in the City;
- how the City can make it easier to get feedback from small businesses;
- engaging with the business community regarding paid parking in Port Moody;
- hotels, guest suites in buildings, and updating short-term rental restrictions in Port Moody;
- how to showcase the businesses and services the City offers;
- a shuttle service throughout the City; and

- encouraging tourism and business during the FIFA World Cup.

6.3 2025 Spike Awards Recap

Memo: Manager of Economic Development

Staff provided a verbal report regarding the 2025 Spike Awards event and referred to the memo contained in the on-table package.

Members were asked to consider ways to improve the Spike Awards event, and the following topics were discussed:

- improvements for future events included updating envelope sealing methods and ensuring paint on the physical awards was fully cured;
- whether Council has the authority to change the award recipients after the Committee has made their recommendations;
 - Staff and the Chair noted that in accordance with the practice of all City awards, Council has the authority to modify award recipients, however, there is a strong understanding of thorough consideration completed by the selection panels of all awards.
- desire to maintain categories but begin conversations regarding Lifetime Achievement Award nominees earlier in the year; and
- considering advertising the awards in the Freshet News.

EDTC26/003

THAT the Economic Development and Tourism Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the selection of Spike Award recipients be finalized by the selection panel and provided to Council for information.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

6.4 Appointment of Land Use Committee EDTC Representative

Verbal Report: Legislative Services Coordinator

Staff provided a verbal report regarding the position of Economic Development and Tourism Committee Representative on the Land Use Committee. In response to questions, the Committee was informed that:

- the Land Use Committee (LUC) typically meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm;
- LUC meetings are held based on if development applications have been received and are at the LUC review portion of the application process;
- the LUC reviews development applications early in the City's development approval process; and
- the membership structure of the LUC is geographically based.

Discussion ensued and members noted that representation from the Economic Development and Tourism Committee provides a practical lens based on experience as business owners in the community.

EDTC26/004

THAT the Economic Development and Tourism Committee appoint Jamie Banfield to the Land Use Committee, as the Economic Development and Tourism Committee Representative, for the 2026 term.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

7. Information

7.1 Chair Updates

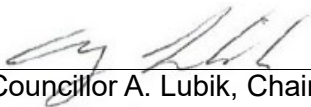
The Chair thanked the Committee for their ideas during the meeting.

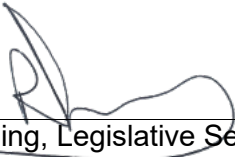
7.2 Staff Updates

There were no staff updates at this time.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.


Councillor A. Lubik, Chair


R. Dowling, Legislative Services
Coordinator