

City of Port Moody

Minutes

Economic Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Acting Mayor Hunter Madsen, Chair
Lisa Beecroft (arrived at 7:04pm)
Edward Chan (arrived at 7:02pm)
Dustin Chelen
Matt Ferguson
Sharleen Karamanian (arrived at 7:01pm)
Nash Milani
Sean Ogilvie
Greg Pepler
Christopher Pope
Robert Simons

Absent

Councillor Zoë Royer, Vice-Chair (Regrets)
Mary Vellani (Regrets)

In Attendance

André Boel – General Manager of Planning and Development
Joji Kumagai – Manager of Economic Development
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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- 1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

- 2.1 EDC19/015
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Planning for Economic Development

4.1 André Boel, General Manager of Planning and Development

The General Manager of Planning and Development gave a presentation on Economic Development and City Planning and provided an overview of the Planning Division's role in supporting economic development and noted the following:

- the Official Community Plan can be used as a communication tool to narrate the City's vision for the future with potential developers by examining the land designations, guidelines, and policies;
- the introduction of the Skytrain has created new areas for economic development in Port Moody;
- the City is currently examining ways to improve the application process through e-applications; and
- the current challenge is staying responsive to change; the City has historically been comprised of industrial zones which are now being developed into mixed-use zones.

The General Manager of Planning and Development left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Planning for Council and EDC Workshop

4.2 The Chair requested the Committee's support in rescheduling the Workshop from November to December 4, 2019.

EDC19/016

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Economic Development Committee Workshop with Council be rescheduled to December 4, 2019.

(Voting against: C. Pope)

Website Best Practices – Update

4.3 Ed Chan provided an update from the Website Best Practices Subcommittee and noted that the new website is an overall improvement; however, the Economic Development webpage lacks critical information regarding economic development in Port Moody that is required to attract investors.

Committee members expressed their concerns with the Economic Development section of the website and offered their expertise to help improve the webpage.

Action: The Chair will meet with the City Manager and the Communications Department to discuss how the Economic Development Committee can contribute to the Economic Development section of the website.

**Building a Tech and
Innovation Hub –
Council Report
Debrief**

- 4.4 Attachment: Report to Council from Acting Mayor Hunter Madsen, dated July 8, 2019
File: 01-0530-01/2019

The Chair provided an overview of the More than a Bedroom Community! Report presented to Council on July 16, 2019 and requested Committee member's feedback on the report.

Committee members noted that the report has brought attention to the issue and provided an opportunity to return to Council with further research and support.

**Next Steps Business
and Tax Incentives**

- 4.5 Attachment: EDC Meeting Business Incentives, dated June 5, 2019
File: 01-0360-20-03

This item was postponed to a future meeting.


5. Information

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.



Acting Mayor Hunter Madsen,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator