



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Economic Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on Wednesday October 7, 2020 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Hunter Madsen, Chair
Mayor Robert Vagramov, Vice-Chair
Lisa Beecroft
Edward Chan
Dustin Chelen
Matt Ferguson
Sharleen Karamanian
Brian Krieger
Sean Ogilvie
Greg Pepler
Christopher Pope
Robert Simons

Absent

Taryn Barker
Mary Vellani (Regrets)

In Attendance

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 7:04pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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- 2.1 EDC20/025
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

2020 Spike Awards 90(1)(b)

4.1 EDC20/026

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the *Community Charter*, this portion of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- **90(1)(b) – personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.**

Lisa Beecroft left the meeting at this point and did not return.

EDC Economic Development Recommendations and November Council Workshop

- 4.2 The Manager of Economic Development gave a presentation on the Remaining Points for EDC discussion Related to the White Paper and advised that the request for a Joint Council and Economic Development Committee Workshop is scheduled for the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting. The Manager of Economic Development noted that prior to the workshop it would be beneficial for staff and the Committee to be in agreeance on the recommended job to population ratio.

The Committee members and staff discussed the recommended 0.35 and 0.42 job to population ratios. While there generally was acknowledgement of staff's recommendation for 0.35, there was also support amongst some Committee members for 0.42. It was agreed to present both targets and their rationales to Council in order to inform the decision.

Action: Committee members to send feedback on the EDC Recommendations Toward an Economic Development Master Plan to the Manager of Economic Development at jkumagai@portmoody.ca by October 15, 2020.

The Vice-Chair left the meeting at this point and did not return.

COVID-19 Business Support

4.3 Joji Kumagai, Manager of Economic Development

Attachments:

- a) Letter, BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, Request for Support for Expanded Patio Permissions, dated August 26, 2020
- b) Email, Ian Tostenson, BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, Expanded Patio Permissions - LCRB Extension Received, dated September 29, 2020

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The Manager of Economic Development advised that a report regarding the Temporary Assistance Program for Businesses is scheduled for the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting. The report will request a bylaw to waive related business licence and permit fees until October 31, 2021 in hopes of making the program accessible to more businesses in Port Moody.

The Committee noted that businesses who currently pay for these amenities should be taken into consideration when reviewing the Program.

Moody Centre Innovation and Marine Tech

4.4 Chair and Matt Ferguson

Attachments:

- a) Ocean Tech Opportunities
- b) City of Victoria, Victoria 3.0, Recovery Reinvention Resilience – 2020-2041
- c) Canada's Ocean Supercluster, Strategic Plan 2018-2023
- d) British Columbia Canada, Dynamic Growing, Ocean Technology

Matt Ferguson provided an overview of the marine tech research undertaken since the September meeting and the following was noted:

- the City of Victoria is involved in marine tech industries; however, the opportunity for Port Moody is still viable and is a great chance to attract these types of businesses and create a hub for ocean protection and restoration technologies; and
- there may be an opportunity to meet with Kendra McDonald, CEO of Canada's Ocean Supercluster, to discuss growing marine tech across Canada.

Staff Updates

5. Information

5.1 Attachments:

- a) The Economist Today, The Future of Work - Is the Office Finished, dated September 12, 2020
- b) BCREA Market Intelligence, The Unusual World of Pandemic Economics, dated September 2020

Links:

- a) <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/25/nyregion/nyc-outdoor-dining-restaurants.html>
- b) <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/office-workers-home-covid-19-1.5711334>

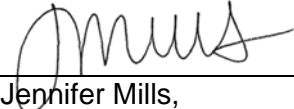
These items were provided for information only.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:21pm.



Councillor Hunter Madsen,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator