

SPECIAL Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee Meeting

**to be held via Zoom
Friday, June 25, 2021
at 8:00 a.m.**

- Present:** Alexandra Nuth
Brian Murphy
Chris Allen
Derek Badger
Drew Barnes
Josie Tyabji
Judy Richards
Kelly Mercer
Nathan Little
Sean Ingraham
- Council Liaison:** Campbell Watt, Councillor
- Staff:** Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Anthony Haddad, General Manager Community Services
Carly Lewis, Economic Development Manager
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant
- Regrets:** Cary Berger
Diane Kereluk
Eric Corneau
Jeff McGinley
Larry Olson
Sandra Oldfield
Sharon Fletcher, Vice Chair
John Vassilaki, Mayor

1. Call Regular Committee Meeting to Order

Councillor Campbell Watt acted as the Chair until a new Chair was appointed by the Committee (item 4.1).

The Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:11 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on June 25, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

- 3.1 Minutes of the April 9, 2021 Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the April 9, 2021 meeting as presented.

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Josie Tyabji joined the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

4. **New Business**

- 4.1 Appointment of new Economic Prosperity and Development Services Chair

The General Manager of Community Services described the requirements of the Chair position and asked that any members of the Committee interested in the position put their names forward.

The floor was opened to the Committee for their questions and comments and Sean Ingraham put his name forward for the Chair position.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee select Sean Ingraham to fill the vacant position of Chair of the Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4.2 Volunteer Week Proclamation from Council

The General Manager of Community Services highlighted National Volunteer Week and thanked all of the volunteers that participate in our community.

- 4.3 Monthly Building Statistics – March-May 2021

This item was provided for information purposes only.

The Director of Development Services provided a high level overview of the increase in development activity that is being experienced in Penticton currently.

- 4.4 Monthly Planning Statistics – April-May 2021

This item was provided for information purposes only.

- 4.5 North Gateway Redevelopment & Investment Strategy

The General Manager of Community Services provided an update regarding the North Gateway Redevelopment & Investment Strategy progress, noting that they are currently in the Data Gathering and Technical Analysis phase. He discussed the engagement that has taken place and the feedback that has been received. He then discussed next steps including a real estate analysis and a transportation analysis being conducted on the area, as well as the design charrette process taking place in September.

The floor was opened to the Committee for their questions and comments. A Committee Member expressed encouragement in the progress that has been made thus far on this project.

4.6 Cannabis Retail Sales Policy – Review Process

The Director of Development Services gave a presentation highlighting the background of cannabis legalization and regulation that lead to the development of a Cannabis Retail Sales Policy. He discussed the content of the policy including: the process for staff to deal with Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) referrals, distance guidelines for new stores, and a cap of total stores in the city. The Director of Development Services noted that it has been 2 years since the development of the original policy and opening of the first cannabis store, and that is why the review process is taking place now.

The floor was opened to the Committee for their questions and comments. A Committee Member asked about the limitation on the number stores and expressed that they did not feel this was a logical inclusion in the policy. Staff responded that the inclusion of a cap in the initial policy was largely due to the fact that it was a new industry and there was not clarity on how stores would impact commercial properties around them. However, it was noted that this would be considered as part of the policy review. A Committee Member asked if there were similar restrictions on liquor stores, and staff highlighted some of the main differences (ex. Liquor stores do not have a maximum cap but do have a minimum distance between them). A Committee Member asked about the success of current cannabis retail stores and staff responded that they will find out more through the policy review process. A Committee Member commented on the current restrictions and how it impacts the look of current cannabis retail locations

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee receive into the record the report dated June 15, 2021 titled "Cannabis Retail Sales Policy –Review process".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.7 New Zoning and Building Bylaws

The Director of Development Services commented that new zoning and building bylaws were recently adopted by Council and provided a brief update.

There were no questions or comments from the Committee.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Friday, July 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

6. **Public Question Period**

7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on June 25, 2021 at 8:58 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



John Schappert
Legislative Assistant