

Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee Meeting

to be held via Zoom
Friday, March 4, 2022
at 8:00 a.m.

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

1. **Call Regular Committee Meeting to Order**

The Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:02 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 March 4, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

- 3.1 Minutes of the February 11, 2022 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 February 11, 2022 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

- 4.1 Civic Places and Spaces Engagement Update

The Public Engagement Program Manager displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the Civic Places and Spaces Engagement Update process and anticipated next steps.

The floor was opened to the Committee Members for questions and comments.

A Committee Member asked about the timeline to advance the proposals. Staff noted the timeline will be driven by the needs of facilities. Staff also noted that all of these proposed projects are very different in their scope and costs which will be subject to grants, annual budget, and borrowing processes. A Committee Member questioned staff if there was any feedback provided by the Okanagan Hockey School regarding the Twin Arenas. Staff replied that they have received letters of support and are very supportive of a new arena as it provides a big opportunity to bring in tournaments and increase economic development.

A Committee Member noted that they were aware of comments from those worried about losing housing in the North Gateway. Staff responded that they are engaging with members of the public and noted there is a potential for housing to be included in some of these projects.

- 4.2 North Gateway Engagement Summary

This Public Engagement Program Manager displayed a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the North Gateway Engagement Summary.

The General Manager of Community Services provided additional comments on the North Gateway Engagement Summary and went over next steps.

The floor was opened to the Committee Members for questions and comments.

A Committee Member asked staff if there was any special engagement with the community with those who may be displaced through the North Gateway revitalization. Staff noted that they have begun communication with affected property owners. Staff clarified that the Official Community Plan and Zoning of properties will not change through this process. A Committee Member asked if staff have received any feedback from the public regarding concerns of losing the quaintness and small town feel of the downtown. Staff responded that the City is trying to find the balance of retaining the small town and community features but also recognizing that growth in the City is happening very quickly.

- 4.3 Public Realm Project

The General Manager of Community Services displayed a PowerPoint presentation on upcoming Capital Plan Projects. Noted that this update was at the request of the Committee at the previous Economic Prosperity and Development Services Committee Meeting.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Economic Prosperity and Development Services Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Friday, April 8, 2022 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 March 4, 2022 at 8:46 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



Rebecca Van Huizen
Legislative Assistant

