



AGENDA
for the
Lakes Economic Diversification Committee



Monday
May 07, 2018
Council Chambers
6:00 pm

"The Village of Burns Lake is a diverse community where residents enjoy a high quality of life, supported by economic and environmental sustainability, and a vibrant community spirit."

2018 MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVES

1. The Village will work to strengthen the local economy, support the growth of new and existing businesses and increase our economic diversity.

- Review and update the economic development plan
- Work towards enhancing and improving parking in the downtown core
- Communicate to the Economic Diversification Committee Council's request to look at and report out on items such as:
 - Parks/ trails and recreation
 - Business retention and attraction; franchise opportunities
 - Internet connectivity
 - Tourism Opportunities, including support to First Nations tourism product development
- Establish a Community Adjustment Fund Reserve
- Conduct an annual business survey
- Monitor UBCM Resolutions regarding Crown Land development

2. The Village will maintain and improve municipal and residential infrastructure services.

- The Village will continue to repair streets in a fiscally responsible manner.
- The Village will continue to pursue grant funding for major infrastructure projects.
- Prepare an infrastructure referendum question.
- Investigate a residential revitalization/façade improvement program.
- Engage public to identify residential development needed.
- Enforce unsightly premises bylaw.

3. The Village will manage its revenues and expenses responsibly.

- The Village will continue to work toward targets for the infrastructure deficit.

4. Work with stakeholders to implement community wildfire protection

- Prioritize and implement Community Wildfire Protection Plan action items.
- Investigate risk mitigation project for the Village's 50-hectare parcel.

5. The Village will provide and support recreation, healthy living and cultural opportunities

- Prioritize and implement Recreation Organizational Review action items.

AGENDA

Lakes Economic Diversification Committee for the Corporation of the Village of Burns Lake, held in Council Chambers on February 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER	
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
3. PUBLIC COMMENT <i>When recognized by the presiding member during the Public Comment portion of any regular or special meeting of the committee, and only after giving their names and addresses, persons from the audience may address the committee on a matter for not more than 2 minutes. When speaking during the Public Comment or Public Question Period, persons must address their remarks to the presiding member, use respectful language, not use offensive gestures or signs, and only address current agenda items. No person from the audience may address the committee more than once during the Public Comment and Public Question Period.</i>	
4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES Recommendation THAT the April 25, 2018 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lakes District Economic Diversification Committee be adopted.	5
5. DELEGATIONS	
6. BUSINESS ARISING a) Update on Engagement and Project Status – <i>EcoPlan International</i>	
7. NEW BUSINESS a) Prioritize Objectives – <i>EcoPlan International, verbal</i> b) Asset to Action Gap Analysis – <i>EcoPlan International, verbal</i> c) Determining Stakeholder Working Groups – <i>EcoPlan International, verbal</i> d) Franchising – <i>Councillor K. Holliday, verbal</i>	
8. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS - ACTION	
9. ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS – RECEIVED AND FILED	
10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD	

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11. ADJOURNMENT



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKES DISTRICT
ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR THE CORPORATION
OF THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor M. Riis-Christianson
Councillor K. Holliday
Jason Llewellyn
Raeanne O'Meara
Gerald Slater
Pauline Goertzen
EDO V. Anderson
Deputy Corporate Officer R. Billard

GUESTS

DELEGATIONS

Hilda Earl
Sashka Macievich
Beate Marquardt
Scott Zayac
Rhea Charlie
Angus Brochez
Adele Gooding
Pauline Goertzen (*Committee member presentation*)

PUBLIC

16 members of the public

MEDIA

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chair M. Riis-Christianson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded by the Committee

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THAT the Agenda for this meeting be approved.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS; AND READINGS OR ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by the Committee

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Hilda Earl

- H. Earl discussed an arts hub and existing art galleries on Highway 16 west.
- H. Earl discussed setting up an art gallery at the Anglican Church.
- H. Earl said there is a gap along Highway 16 for display of visual arts.
- H. Earl discussed the vibrant Burns Lake visual arts community.

Sashka Macievich

- S. Macievich discussed the idea of holding adult continuing education programs at the College of New Caledonia over the summer.
- S. Macievich discussed Olds Alberta programming.
- S. Macievich discussed fibre week in Olds Alberta.
- S. Macievich discussed agricultural programming.
- S. Macievich discussed Wells programming.
- S. Macievich discussed ways of attracting more people into the community for programming.
- There was a discussion about program funding.
- There was a discussion about arts grant funding.

Beate Marquardt

- B. Marquardt discussed solar power panels at her home.
- B. Marquardt discussed solar panels near the lagoon.
- B. Marquardt discussed selling solar power to BC Hydro.
- There was a discussion about funding.
- B. Marquardt discussed Kimberly BC solar panels that power 250 houses in the community.
- B. Marquardt discussed Nelson BC, where they have solar panels for 15 houses.
- B. Marquardt discussed Alert Bay BC solar panels.
- There was a discussion about gas tax funding.
- B. Marquardt discussed solar panels near Merritt BC.
- There was a discussion about snow on solar panels.
- There was a discussion about cold weather and solar panels.
- There was a discussion about selling power back to the BC Hydro grid and the recent changes to the ability to sell power back to BC Hydro.

Scott Zayac & Rick Pooley

- R. Pooley discussed declining enrollment at CNC.
- R. Pooley discussed a lack of programming at CNC.
- R. Pooley discussed declining staffing levels at CNC.
- S. Zayac discussed NVIT programming.
- S. Zayac discussed empty classrooms at CNC – Lakes Campus.
- S. Zayac discussed RPEC's business plan and a required update.
- S. Zayac discussed NVIT programming in rural communities.
- S. Zayac said NVIT is interested in having a campus in Northern BC and is interested in locating one in Burns Lake.
- R. Pooley discussed asking Council about finding hiring a consultant to update the business plan.
- There was a discussion about NVIT.
- There was a discussion about training programs.
- There was a discussion about the rationale of choosing NVIT.
- R. Pooley said NVIT is committed to working in Northern communities.
- R. Pooley said BCIT does not have a northern focus.
- R. Pooley said he thinks it is important for Council to follow through with updating the study.
- There was a discussion about community needs assessments.
- There was a discussion about support from the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako.
- R. Pooley invited Council to speak to NVIT as soon as possible.

Rhea Charlie

- Discussed Talon Point Camp developed by Robert Charlie.
- There was a discussion about wellness and healing.
- There was a discussion about traditional practises.
- R. Charlie discussed sweat lodges.
- There was a discussion about boat rentals and opportunities for increased tourist activities.
- There was a discussion about traditional land use.
- R. Charlie said they hope camp will operate year round with construction to begin in mid May and be ready to open in August 2018.
- The camp will create four full time and three part time jobs.
- There was a discussion about Destination BC and Northern BC tourism.

Angus Brochez

- A. Brochez discussed developing a website or an App for Lakes District tourism.
- A. Brochez discussed the features of the App.
- A. Brochez discussed geocaching
- A. Brochez discussed painting fire hydrants and PO boxes.
- A. Brochez discussed an LDSS tourism club.
- There was a discussion about learning opportunities.
- There was a discussion about the App and website and how it could tie in with work the Chamber of Commerce is doing.
- There was a discussion about summer students.
- There was a discussion about a possible website and domain name sharing with the Chamber of Commerce.
- There was a discussion about student murals.
- There was a discussion about coordination of the website and App with the RDBN planning department for mapping purposes.
- There was a discussion about a student summer market to be held downtown.
- There was a discussion about A. Brochez being the youth representative on the Economic Diversification Committee.
- There was a discussion about summer student work in technology at the Village, Chamber or RDBN.
- There was a discussion about the community engagement session.

NEW BUSINESS

Gerald Slater

- G. Slater discussed joint ventures.
- G. Slater discussed the Cheslatta partnership with Green Demo.
- There was a discussion about an anti microbial product.
- There was a discussion about mould remediation.
- G. Slater said Green Demo is looking to expand into northern B.C. and they are currently servicing the Southside, Burns Lake and would like to eventually expand to Prince George.
- G. Slater said two Cheslatta Carrier Nation members have been trained to apply the product.

Pauline Goertzen

- P. Goertzen discussed Lake Babine Nation's infrastructure projects.
- P. Goertzen said Lake Babine Nation is hoping to have three gas stations in the area.
- P. Goertzen said Lake Babine Nation is expanding the Woyenne gas station and planning to put in a restaurant this summer.

- P. Goertzen said Lake Babine Nation's new building next to The Pines is called their natural resources building. This building is going to house their new forestry company 'Lake Babine Nation Forestry RP' as well as have museum and archive space.
- P. Goertzen said there will be a new gas bar in Tachet and as well as a new campsite. The gas bar will sell marine fuel to tourists/local residents.
- P. Goertzen said Lake Babine Nation is working on trail development around Tachet and the Fulton Fishery site.
- P. Goertzen said Lake Babine Nation is in the process of renovating Fort Babine Lodge and upon completion, there will be meeting space and a catering kitchen. The project will provide jobs in construction for members.
- Lake Babine Nation's biomass plant went to funding for Fort Babine. P. Goertzen said the project cost is \$5 million.
- P. Goertzen said Lake Babine Nation - Old Fort is buying Ookpik Resort, which will be a social enterprise for the community and will house a camp for kids to learn their traditional language and traditional teachings.
- P. Goertzen said Lake Babine Nation purchased Jake Hiebert's building on Highway 16. They will be moving in at end of May and the building will house a retail development and training section.
- P. Goertzen said there is corporate restructuring going on at the moment and there will be a strategic plan at end of summer.
- P. Goertzen said that Indigenous Tourism BC is coming to meet with Lake Babine Nation in Burns Lake and they will be staying in the community for two weeks

Adele Gooding

- A. Gooding provided a Tweedsmuir Hotel update.
- A. Gooding said the building needed a full on restoration and they have had to hire an engineer from Prince George for completion.
- A. Gooding said they have tried to hire locally, but the mechanical, electrical and plumbers are from Prince George and Smithers.
- A. Gooding said the stipulation for outside workers was that they had to apprentice a local person.
- A. Gooding said that through this program, 14 people have been trained to be carpentry apprentices. The majority of the apprentices are First Nations.
- A. Gooding said the hotel will have a sports pub and grill.
- A. Gooding said there will be 23 rooms in the hotel.
- A. Gooding said there will also be a Cabaret and night club
- The Hotel will have one handicapped room
- There will be an elevator and a gift shop
- A. Gooding said there is a Prep kitchen downstairs.
- A. Gooding said they are currently training line cooks in a line cook program

- A. Gooding said they are training front desk clerks as well as housekeeping and bartenders.
- A. Gooding said they are currently advertising for a Hotel General Manger.
- A. Gooding said they are looking to open this summer.
- A. Gooding said they are working with Destination BC for advertising.

R. Pooley

- R. Pooley asked the Committee what they are going to do with all the ides from the presentations.
- Staff discussed community engagement
- Staff discussed an upcoming consultant's visit.

C. Singleton

- C. Singleton said she is very passionate about the need for bringing arts to the community.
- C. Singleton discussed the Anglican Church.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTIONS

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by the Committee

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THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm

CARRIED

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lakes District Economic Diversification Committee for the Village of Burns Lake held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018