

Notes of the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) Meeting Held on Wednesday August 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Complex, Council Chambers.

Present: Councillor John Inglis (Chair), Councillor Fred Fowler, Betty Hunter, Dan Vaillancourt, Paul Thiel, Corey Klatt (Manager of Community Development) (MCD), Matt Walker - Economic Development Officer (EDO) and Lori Newman (Secretary).

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof:

None.

3. Delegations:

None.

4. Economic Development Task Force Notes:

Notes of the July 21st EDTF Meeting as approved via email by members of the Task Force to be received for information at the August 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

5. Business Arising

- a) Complete a monthly Business Profile for existing Businesses for the Township's Website, Social Media and Council Meeting Agendas - Councillor Inglis and Paul Thiel.**

Paul Thiel completed the August Business Profile featuring Tim's Auto Body which will be presented to Council at the August 20, 2021 Council Meeting. It will also be added to the Township's Website and Social Media accounts. Councillor Inglis will complete the September Business Profile.

- b) Continue with Star Gazing Activities/Potential Star Gazing Group and Grand Opening event for the Observatory at the Star Gazing Pad – Betty Hunter**

Betty Hunter advised the EDTF that details have been posted on the Dark Sky Preserve (DSP) Facebook page re: the September 13th start date for the "North Frontenac Amateur Astronomy Club" which will be held at the Clar-Mill Hall in Plevna (following Covid protocols).

c) Update re: Donation of Fred Lossing Telescope and Building to house the Telescope – Councillor Inglis, Betty Hunter

Betty Hunter advised the EDTF that the August 14th Grand Opening of the new observatory at the North Frontenac Star Gazing Pad was very successful with a great attendance (approximately 75 guests at the ceremony). The guests were extremely impressed with the Fred Lossing Telescope and observatory building. Betty also reported that approximately 150 people were in attendance for the event following the Grand Opening of the Observatory, throughout the evening.

It was discussed that funding will be needed throughout the future to maintain the telescope, the observatory and for future enhancements to the observatory and star gazing pad area. The MCD will discuss options with the Treasurer regarding potential future fund raising initiatives and bring back information to the next meeting for discussion and for future Council consideration.

d) Review Draft Welcome Package for new Residents, per Council Resolution #272-20 – Councillor Fowler, Dan Vaillancourt, Betty Hunter, and Paul Thiel

Councillor Fred Fowler, Betty Hunter, Dan Vaillancourt and Paul Thiel presented the draft Welcome Package (including anticipated costs) to the EDTF. The EDTF discussed the Welcome Package for new residents and the MCD and EDO will format the package and revise (polish) some of the content within the welcome package for consideration. Once reviewed at the September 15th meeting the draft will be submitted to Council for consideration.

6. Communications:

None.

7. New Business:

Update re: 2021 Mural Project – MCD

The unveiling of the Round 6 Art Murals will take place at the North Frontenac Council Meeting on September 10, 2021.

8. Adjournment:


Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the EDTF will take place on Wednesday September 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex Council Chambers located at 6648 Road 506, Plevna.

Recommendations to Council

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the August 18, 2021 Notes of the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF);

Received by Council on September 10, 2021



**Councillor John Inglis, Chair
Township of North Frontenac
Economic Development Task Force**