



Economic Development Advisory Committee
June 13th 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes

LOCATION: **Town of Gananoque, 2nd Floor - 30 King Street East, Gananoque**

EDC Members Present: Jeff Girling, David Anderson, Todd Bickerton , Troy Donovan, Erika Beresford-Kroeger, Jan Hayes
Staff –Shelley Hirstwood, Pam Staples
Regrets- Jeff Brown

- A) **HEALTH, SAFETY, & WELLNESS:** none
- B) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** none
- C) **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:** Millierdickinsonblais – Industrial Park Feasibility Report

Questions and discussions regarding:

- List price of lots vs sale price
- Amortization
- Importance of proximity to rail lines
- Vacant industrial parks
- Competitive advantages
- Reasons for vacancies in Smith Falls

- D) **REPORTS:** none
- E) **CORRESPONDENCE:** none
- F) **MATTERS PENDING:** none
- G) **NOTICE OF MOTIONS:**

- H) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 - Motion made by Jeff Girling
 - Seconded by Erika Beresford-Kroeger
 - Carried

I) **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- Economic Development Update
 - Via Rail update – Meeting to be set up next week and they will let us know
 - Banners and Signage
 - Mitchell and Wilson RFP – Deadline June 15th. Request for EDC members to review the proposals to provide comment for Council report
 - Heritage Village is full
 - Notification of new businesses
 - Overview of Chinese Investment Tour
 - Museum can host 200 people and might be a good fit for the CGPA tournament cut party

J) NEW BUSINESS:

- Strategic Plan Work Plan Priorities
 - Docks – design and waterfront vision (partnership with Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Community Development)
 - Water rates – research a water rate model that will encourage business
 - Business Attraction – Focus on the Life Sciences (partnership with Queens University, Ontario East Advanced Manufacturing Sector Team, KEDCO)
 - Sports Tourism (partnership with TIAP and Parks and Recreation)
 - BIA Alleyway

K) PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

L) ADJOURN

Next meeting – July 11th 6pm – Town Hall



Chairperson, Todd Bickerton