



Economic Development Advisory Committee
November 14th 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes

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

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

- A) **HEALTH, SAFETY, & WELLNESS:** none
- B) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** none
- C) **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:** none
- D) **REPORTS:** none
- E) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Volunteer Appreciation Night December 5th
- F) **MATTERS PENDING:** none
- G) **NOTICE OF MOTIONS:**

- H) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 - Motion made by Jeff Girling
 - Seconded by Jan Hayes
 - Carried

- I) **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**
 - Economic Development Update
 - 2013 Priorities
 - As we are moving forward with budget time Shelley reminded the committee of the 2013 priorities as per the strategic plan. The most significant priorities include investment attraction, BR & E, lowertown developments, downtown revitalization and the casino.
 - Discussion regarding the RFP process with the 175 St. Lawrence Street Property and Textron.
 - Update regarding the casino process and status

- J) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Cruise Ships
 - Jeff Girling provided an overview regarding the opportunity with the dock renovations
 - The Great Lake Cruising information and requirements were provided
 - Discussion regarding navigation
 - First step is to determine is a large cruise ship can navigate into the docks
 - Jan provided the contact Scott Beckstead to discuss navigation
 - If it is possible we can invite the Great Lakes Cruising manager to assess our docks and discuss what is required

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- Transit Options
 - Discussion regarding transit options during the summer months
 - 1812 had success during their event with shuttles
 - Discussion regarding past experiences
 - Suggestion to look at Lake Placid's Chamber of Commerce

 - Side discussions
 - Winter tourism with Timbits Curling
 - Business opportunities that require dock space

K) PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

L) ADJOURN

Next meeting – December 12th 6pm – Town Hall

Chairperson, Todd Bickerton