



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD MAY 30, 2024 AT 3:30 PM OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER)

PRESENT: Angie Lof, Okanagan College Rep.
Dan Proulx, Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce Rep.
Jessica Wicks, Accelerate Okanagan Rep.
Larry Olson, Province of BC Rep.
Laura Frank, RDNO Rep.
Leigha Horsfield, Community Futures North Okanagan Rep.
Mayor Cumming

ABSENT: Colin Wilson, UBCO Rep.
Annette Sharkey, Social Planning Council of North Okanagan Rep.
Keelan Murtagh, Downtown Vernon Association Rep.

STAFF: John Perrott, Manager, Economic Development and Partnerships
Gemma Patterson, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Pounder, Records/Committee Clerk

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

**LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *As Chair of the City of Vernon, and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation.*

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA** Moved by D. Proulx, seconded by L. Horsfield:

THAT the agenda of the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting be adopted:

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES** Moved by D. Proulx, seconded by L. Horsfield:

THAT the minutes of the February 22, 2024 Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting be adopted:

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Angie Lof joined the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

**COMMUNITY
PROJECT UPDATES**

Members of the Committee provided project update presentations and the following was noted:

- In the last year, 8,624 people have moved from BC to other Provinces.
- There are currently 445 jobs available in Vernon.
- The biggest issue currently is attracting and retaining skilled labor.
- An application is being submitted to the Ministry of Health on June 3, 2024 for a new Community Health Clinic in Vernon. It will bring four full time family practitioners, three nurse practitioners, two registered nurses, license practical nurse, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, social worker, clinical counselor, community health worker and medical office assistants. There will be a classroom in the facility for workshops and public health education classes. Hoping to attach 6,200 patients with a family doctor.
- There will be a new dormitory opening on the Okanagan College Vernon campus in September, 2024. It will contain 101 bedrooms (30 of which are already taken) and rent is starting at \$625/month.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Economic Development Advisory Committee will be at the call of the Chair.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by A. Lof, seconded by L. Olson:

THAT the meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Victor L. Cummings
Chair