

**City of Maple Ridge**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee, held in the Bridges Boardroom, Economic Development Office, Maple Ridge on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 5:00 pm.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Josef Lara, Chair	Community at Large
Tom Meier	Community at Large
Chrislana Gregory	Community at Large
Councillor Robson	City of Maple Ridge

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lino Siracusa	Staff Liaison / Director, Economic Development and Civic Properties
Bruce Livingstone	Business Retention and Expansion Office, Economic Development and Civic Properties
Karen Hansen	Administrative Assistant, Economic Development
and	Civic Properties

**REGRETS**

Oliver Perez	Community at Large
Alex Wells	Community at Large

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Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

**1. AGENDA ADOPTION**

R18-011

It was moved and seconded

**That the Agenda of September 5, 2018 be adopted.**

CARRIED

**2. MINUTE ADOPTION**

R18-012

It was moved and seconded

**That the Minutes of June 27, 2018 be adopted.**

CARRIED

**3. Updates on current projects and events**

Downtown Enhancement Project: The current phase of the project takes place on Lougheed Highway, between 224 and 226. Staff from Engineering and Economic Development and Civic Property is meeting weekly with businesses along the corridor to provide them with updates on the project and to help alleviate concerns.

Innovation Forum 2019: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Innovation in Emerging Cities forum is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at the ACT Arts Centre. An additional venue at the Greg Moore Youth Centre may offer a trade show and/or career fair. There may also be some smaller events taking place in advance of April 2 that will serve as prequels to the larger Innovation in Emerging Cities event.

The Innovation Task Force, a subgroup of the Economic Development Committee, is working on the details of the event. The Task Force will soon be seeking sponsors, panelists and speakers.

Fraser Valley Tech Forum: This forum is put on by SRC TEC and the Economic Development Department agreed to help promote the event as they will do the same for our Innovation Forum in April of 2019.

International Parking Day: This is a global initiative to promote re-thinking of public space. It takes place annually on the third Friday in September. The Planning Department, together with Economic Development and Parks, Recreation & Culture, will be working with local businesses along 224 Street to transform parking stalls and alleyways into mini park-like spaces for an afternoon.

#### **4. Setting direction for EDC (continued from meeting June 27, 2018)**

At the meeting on June 27, 2018, the environmental scan indicated three possible themes.

- The need for post-secondary in Maple Ridge
- Improved relations with industrial area in North East sector of Maple Ridge
- Possible options for the introduction for Cannabis

Another option that came up at current meeting:

- Innovation forum 2019

#### **6. Adjournment at 6:00 pm - Next Meeting - December, 2018**

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Chair, Josef Lara

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