# 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, Maple Ridge City Hall, on Thursday, September 5, 2019, at 5:00 pm.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Camilla Brown
Dominick Kotarski
Tom Meier
James Zelinski
Councillor Yousef
Community at Large

## STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Denton Staff Liaison / Acting Director, Economic Development & Civic

Properties

Bruce Livingstone Business Retention and Expansion Officer, Economic

**Development & Civic Properties** 

Karen Hansen Administrative Assistant, Economic Development &

Civic Properties

**REGRETS** 

Josef Lara Community at Large
Chrislana Gregory Community at Large
Al Hogarth Community at Large
Oliver Perez Community at Large

Meeting called to order at 5:21 pm.

#### 1. AGENDA ADOPTION

R19-12

It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda of September 5, be amended to state: Review/Approve Minutes of June 11 on agenda item 2.

CARRIED

R19-13

It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda of September 5, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

#### 2. MINUTE ADOPTION

R19-14

It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of June 11, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

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# 3. Task Force Update:

- 3.1 Growth Justice Institute tour
  - a) Justice Institute Tour

R19-15

It was moved and seconded

That someone from the EDC Committee will follow-up with the Justice Institute in 60 days.

**CARRIED** 

R19-16

It was moved and seconded

That Staff look into the Canadian regulations for setting up a specialized technical school for topics such as synthetic biology.

**CARRIED** 

- b) Next steps (Darrell/Bruce)
- 3.2 Bylaws and how they affect business
  - a) Locations/zoning

R19-17

It was moved and seconded

That the EDC explore the possibilities of taking portions of the OCP to find areas in the City where certain identifiable businesses can operate and offer those businesses the opportunity to come and pitch their business to the City, in return for fast tracking their applications through City Hall.

**CARRIED** 

- b) Types of Business
- c) Supports for Business
- 3.3 Technology Review

## 4. Advisory Committees

- 4.1 Report back from Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting in June (James)
- 4.2 Review of Council Report: Advisory Committee Review Recommendations
- 5. Adjournment at 7:0 5 pm Next Meeting November 7, 2019

Chair, Dominic Kotarski	
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