

MINUTES

Of the Finance & Economic Development Committee meeting held
Tuesday, June 25th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., at the MD Office, with the
following persons present:

Members: Dene Cooper, Chair
Erik Butters
Paul Clark
Lisa Rosvold
Paul Ryan

Administration: Robert Ellis, C.A.O.
Jared Kassel, Director of Planning Services
Shaina Tutt, Director of Finance
Lynda Gale, Recording Secretary

Gallery: S. Arlidge M. Krainer
D. Grady B. Weerstra
C. Hill

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. AGENDA

Moved by L. Rosvold that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

B. MINUTES

Moved by P. Clark that the May 28, 2019 Finance and Economic Development Committee (F&EDC) meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved by P. Ryan that the F&EDC receive the Memo dated May 29, 2019, regarding Ward 1 Enhancement Fund payments to Exshaw Community Association, as information.

CARRIED

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss.

E. DELEGATIONS

S. Arlidge (arr. 10:00 a.m. – dep. 10:25 a.m.)

Ms. Arlidge read the letter included in the agenda package and told the Committee she was speaking to them as a concerned citizen. She outlined her two main concerns regarding tourism and development, specifically in the Exshaw area. She noted that MD Council needs to be proactive in working towards habitat protection and wildlife corridor management.

P. Clark asked if there were Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) being operated in the hamlet. Ms. Arlidge said there were, especially at night. She told the F&EDC that children are operating the machines without helmets and said she has contacted the RCMP and conservation officers. She told the F&EDC that her neighbours have similar concerns.

L. Rosvold asked Ms. Arlidge what a potential solution would look like. Ms. Arlidge said that trails could be user-pay and dogs should be leashed. P. Ryan told Ms. Arlidge that Exshaw may have to issue resident only parking passes and a leash law may need to be enacted.

L. Rosvold asked Ms. Arlidge how communities like Bragg Creek are managed. Ms. Arlidge said the Bragg Creek Council is working with user groups on management issues.

P. Ryan said that years ago, the MD approached AEP to close the mountain bike trails around Exshaw, but they refused.

P. Ryan said he has talked to the Canmore Area Mountain Bike Alliance (CAMBA) and noted they were very responsive to the issues in Exshaw and have been good to work with. He said there are many Calgary users that he has not been able to contact.

Ms. Arlidge said she would like to be part of the solution.

Ghost Watershed Alliance Society (GWAS) – M. Krainer, C. Hill, B. Weerstra (arr. 10:15 a.m. – dep. 11:35 a.m.)

Ms. Krainer showed the F&EDC the presentation that was included in the agenda package titled: Ghost River State of the Watershed Report (2018).

Chair Cooper thanked the delegation for their presentation and said the newly elected MLA should be aware of this report.

P. Clark said he read the report and noted that it was very comprehensive. He asked the delegation what their thoughts on active management for fire prevention in the Ghost Watershed were. C. Hill said there have been a few small fires, but there hasn't been a hot fire. He said some mature timber needs to be logged and added that a hot fire would affect the water quality. C. Hill said this would be a very big problem, as it would affect downstream municipalities, like Calgary. He said with the right conditions a fire could be very bad.

E. Butters asked what GWAS had planned for the near future. Ms. Krainer told the Committee that GWAS is working on their 3-year strategic plan and are hosting workshops to engage different groups. She said GWAS would like to engage with the new government in meaningful ways.

C. Hill said GWAS is trying to make a list with the top two or three projects that have momentum, or that they would be successful with. He said GWAS is waiting for the provincial government to set the new budget.

L. Rosvold asked if this was the first State of the Watershed (SOW) report done for Ghost Watershed. M. Krainer said it was and noted that it took 3 years to complete.

B. Weerstra told the F&EDC that GWAS would like to have a watershed management plan and a long-term plan for watershed use. He noted that GWAS is trying to work with other watershed groups and said that a long-term management strategy needs to be implemented for the eastern slopes.

C. Hill told the F&EDC that watershed management has been downloaded to small volunteer groups with no funding and said now it is very fragmented.

F. FINANCE

1. **Moved** by L. Rosvold that the Committee accept as information:

1. The Payroll Cheques Issued Report for May 2019 in the amount of \$186,807.01.

CARRIED

Moved by L. Rosvold that the Committee accept as information:

2. The Cheque Register for payments in the amount of \$1,230,479.40 for May 2019.

CARRIED

2. **Moved** by E. Butters that the F&EDC direct Administration to make amendments to Road and Area Names and Property Addressing Policy (P-7) and recommend that policy to Council for approval.

CARRIED

G. INFORMATION

1. **Moved** by P. Ryan that the F&EDC receive the Bow Valley Regional Housing: Needs Assessment Executive Summary, as information.

CARRIED

3. **Moved** by P. Ryan that the F&EDC received the Bow Valley Regional Housing re: Housing Needs Assessment, as information.

CARRIED

H. CLOSED MEETING

There were no items to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE

The meeting be adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m.**



CHAIRPERSON



SECRETARY