



**MINUTES
Village of Lytton
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING
Council Chambers**

Wednesday, October 3rd, 7:00 pm

Present:

**Denise Haugen
Jason Robertson
Sheila McGuire
Tricia Thorpe
Jessoa Lightfoot**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER** - Councilor Trisha Thorpe at 7 p.m.
Jessoa Lightfoot to record meeting
- 2) ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS**
 - Community hall
- 3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - approved, group consensus
- 4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES** - there are no minutes for adoption at this time.
- 5) DELEGATIONS** - there are no delegations at this time.
- 6) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - (a) Selection of Chair and Secretary** Tricia Thorpe confirmed as chair and Jessoa Lightfoot confirmed as secretary – group consensus
 - (b) Preface** Councilor Thorpe explained the purpose of the committee, expectations and time lines for recommendations to Council.
 - Committees are to report and make recommendations to Council by February, 2013
 - Council wishes to host an open house to obtain public opinion by March of 2013
 - Other current activities of council include website improvements and a NDIT funded web portal

(c) DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

- *There is approx. \$11,000 of unused funds in the Downtown Revitalization. budget for 2012*
 - look for old criteria and advertize so businesses can take advantage.
- *There is approx. \$12,000 of unused funds in the Sidewalk and Road budget for 2012.*
 - Many sidewalks are in poor condition - possible funding from MIA for sidewalk evaluation, explore application process.
- *Schedule "D" of the Official Community Plan requires renovations and new construction follow the pre 1930 theme of the old Gold Rush era including color and material. This has not been followed but will be discussed separately under "OCP"*
 - need to review with possible revisions identified. Questions regarding past compliance demands and more recent lack of direction/adherence.

(d) BOUNDARY EXPANSION

- *revenue (taxation) vs. expenses (roads and infrastructure)*
- *requirement to employ more staff and purchase additional equipment*
- *Increased fire service area etc.*
- It was explained that in a boundary expansion the municipality would become responsible for all secondary roads and their maintenance.
- Questions regarding how much increased revenue from RR is expansion went east past Kumsheen Raft.
- Additional businesses may allow for business rates to be lowered.
- Question on how much increased revenue there would be from CN.
- The whole group supported boundary expansion.

(e) OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

(statement of policy and objectives on planning and land use to guide Councils)

- *Sec. 879 of the Local Govt. Act sets out requirements for required consultation with First Nations, Regional Dist, School Dist, Provincial and Federal Agencies (Highways, Fisheries, Forestry etc)*
- *OCP review will also include a review of the zoning bylaw to ensure it complements the amended OCP.*
- Need to review current document
- Discussion on other select committees and their scope (housing and firehall)
- Questions on old hospital site current status and potential uses

(f) SMALL INDUSTRY including SOLAR ENERGY and (job creation)

- *Industrial land*
- *work force, transportation, housing etc.*
- overview of current industrial zones
- need for trades people, plumbers, electricians barbers etc.

- home based businesses - attempts to rework bylaw in past was not completed – what do we want? What rules should be applied?
Local food – seems to be a reluctance for local stores to sell local produce
? small scale co-op?

(g) LOT CREATION (subdivision - zoning issues)

- *could combine with Boundary Expansion as there isn't much room for new subdivisions.*
 - Need for more housing – lack of lots – bring forward DLL225 report
- *Other issues.*
 - Community hall – group support. Discussion on old hall, need for larger venue, Legion possibilities/challenges.
 - NDIT investment Portal – opportunity to highlight area potential
 - Village website – launch mid December

7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS_ there is no unfinished business at this time.

Next Meeting – October 24th 7 p.m. Village Council Chambers

8) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lightfoot that the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary