



The regular meeting of the Economic Development Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Councillor J. Bain, Chair
Councillor O’Neill
Mayor Devenne
J. Frampton
D. King
A. St. Onge
L. Hennigar
D. Heide, CAO
M. Hughes, Clerk

Approval of Agenda

A motion by Ms. St Onge, seconded by Ms. King, **“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

Minutes

A motion by Ms. Hennigar, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT the minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee are approved as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

Delegation – George Anderson, Saltbox Brewery

George Anderson, Jane Loughlin and Patrick Jardine from Saltbox Brewery presented to the members of the Economic Development Committee about their experience as owners of a craft brewery and new business in Mahone Bay.

Mr. Anderson detailed issues with the Town that he feels are problematic for new businesses operating in Mahone Bay.

Review of Draft 2019 Action Plan

Mr. Heide reviewed the Draft 2019 Action Plan following revisions made at the April 24, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

A motion by Ms. Hennigar, seconded by Mr. Frampton, **“THAT the Economic Development Committee recommend that Council accept the 2019 Economic Development Committee Action Plan as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

Fibre Trail Association Grant Request

The committee received a grant request from the Fibre Trail Association which had been forwarded to the committee from Council. The committee declined to recommend the grant to Council.

A motion by Mr. Frampton, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT the Economic Development Committee recommend that Council grant the request for \$400 from the Fibre Trail Association.”** **Motion defeated**

Overview of Town Priorities Regarding Economic Development

This will be removed as a standing agenda item but the action plan will be added as a standing agenda item.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee was scheduled for **Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 3:00pm.**

The meeting adjourned by motion at 4:33 pm.

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