



Town of Churchill

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2015 - Community and Economic Development Committee - 5:00 PM

Present:

Mayor Michael Spence
Councillor Shane Hutchins
Councillor Bill Dingwall
Councillor Heather Botelho
Councillor Joanne Stover
Executive Director Cory Young
Director of Finance Gail Hodkin
Sustainability Coordinator Susan Maxson
Executive Assistant Erika Ingebrigtsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spence called the meeting to order at 5:06

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By: Shane Hutchins

Seconded By: Joanne Stover

The agenda was approved as presented

CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed by the committee no items were noted.

4. SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR UPDATE

Sustainability Coordinator Susan Maxson provided a presentation to the Committee, the following points were noted:

- Churchill has a variety of economic issues;
- New businesses are needed;
- Succession planning is critical for many of the older people that have businesses.
- The seasonal employment times are overlapping;
- New local start ups are required
 - For the size of Churchill you need two new businesses a year.
 - Currently in a deficit position with start-up businesses.
 - Most start ups begin in the home;

- Signage is not encouraged
 - Home based businesses encourage people to try;
- Businesses need to work and grow together;
 - Businesses incubator allows sharing of costs;
- There is a limited amount of spaces to start businesses in Town.
- Policy barriers have been a challenge. Equity is important, most use mortgages, because many do not own, that piece of equity is missing
- There are a lot of skilled people in Churchill however not many are confident with their skills

Opportunities Churchill

Idea of putting together a workshop, target dates for the first week of June.

- The date needs to be nailed down
- Bringing people who have started businesses and understand markets, difficulties and rewards. Discussing with people in the community about the opportunities.
- There could be room for a lot of partnerships for people who are already here and have ideas.
- Community Futures is on board and is ready to back this plan.
- This will be the first of a few workshops.
- It should be a weekend workshop

Additional discussion relating to Social Enterprises, Research and Education and Opportunities Churchill took place.

The committee recommended that Opportunities Churchill move forward.

5. IN CAMERA

Moved By: Joanne Stover

Seconded By: Shane Hutchins

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community and Economic Development Committee convene into an in-camera session.

CARRIED

6. RESUME

Moved By: Joanne Stover

Seconded By: Shane Hutchins

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the In-Camera session of the Community and Economic Development Committee be adjourned. The Committee agrees that all information discussed in the In-Camera session shall remain confidential until released for public knowledge by the Committee as a whole.

CARRIED

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community and Economic Development Committee will be May 11, 2015.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

