

MEETING SUMMARY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
-
RURAL COMMUNITY OF FUNDY SHORES

Where: FUNDY SHORES COUNCIL OFFICE
When: Monday – May 22, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Attendees:

Susan Farquharson, Chair
Lorne Montgomery
Roxanne Oliver
Greg Renton
Michael Robichaud
Peter Seeley

Regrets:

Deanna Bent, Co-Chair

Agenda and Minutes Approval

May 22 agenda and April 19 Meeting minutes: Approved by Consensus

Discussions:

1. Not for Profit Economic Development Corp Document (provided by Lorne M).

- Highlighted the population numbers re aging population and need to attract families.
- Recommended for an “arm’s length” economic development system/organization that Council can manage/control for the needs of Fundy Shores.
- Agreed the document be shared with Council.

2. Food Truck Association

- Roxanne O. informed the Committee that there was not an association but individual contact via Facebook.
- This item will be passed along to the Tourism Committee.

3. Current Plan Review – Questions/Thoughts

- The Committee was provided with a copy of the current rural plan before the meeting as an information item. Noted there were areas where there is very specific requirements and other areas that are more general in scope.
- Noted need to understand zoning for development.

4. Additional Map Gaps

- A review of the map gaps indicated the following:

- Additional Recommendations for Subdivisions:
 - Gilmores – why are there not more homes in that area?
 - Thompson – room on the western side to expand?
 - Other: West of Government Garage on north side
- Tourism Based Economic Development:
 - Clear Lake (CN Wilson Property) should be investigated for potential camping/cottage/vacation property development.
 - Noted Dipper Harbour Wharf when expanded was to accommodate a percentage of pleasure craft but this is not happening. Why? Noted industry users may not welcome they extra users due to space limitations.
 - ATV Club stops: year-round mini accommodations
 - Incorporate seasonal mobile services on highway pull off areas with Community.

General Discussion Notes:

- All above discussions noted need to understand what incentives could be developed to support current businesses, encourage new businesses/developers.
- Housing equity was noted indicating perhaps Habitat for Humanity could be asked to look at the Community.
- Need to develop transportation and daycare options to support families coming to the area.
- New River Beach Park: Locals should not be charged entry. This was part of the agreement when Ms. Knight signed the agreement to transfer the land to the province. Need to understand what is considered local as some have been turned down. Suggested provincial parks should allow free parking to address the road hazard every summer.
- A discussion on AirBNB vs glamping led to a note re challenges with the PRAC with respect to system for permitting public inputs.

5. Presentation Options for Future Meeting:

- Committee agreed to have the Planning Commission and CBDC present at future meetings.
 - Sue to determine availability for the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting Date:

June 19th @ 6PM

Fundy Shores Offices – 31 Malcom Meehan Road

Adjournment: 7:45PM