



**Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 6, 2025**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Energy Centre - 2nd Floor Boardroom**

Present: Councillor Adele Richardson  
Councillor Bill Parker  
Lacey Chyz  
Paul McWilliams  
Laurier Lapointe  
Ray Cowell  
Michael Kilburn  
Austin Verner

Absent: Sherri Buckle  
Carrie Purcell

Staff Present: Intermediate/Recording Assistant Terra Dimion

Also Present: CWO Kyle Seleski, 4 Wing Cold Lake

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at this time being 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Lacey Chyz.

**CITY OF COLD LAKE INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chairperson Lacey Chyz recited aloud the following City of Cold Lake Indigenous Land Acknowledgement:

*"In the spirit of respect and reciprocity, we acknowledge that the City of Cold Lake is located on lands and by water in Treaty 6 Territory and the homeland of the Metis Nation that has been, and continues to be, a sacred place for many. We pay respect to the indigenous peoples of this place past and present: the Cree, Denesuline and Metis peoples. We acknowledge that this place is impacted by the ongoing process of colonialism. We strive to understand and reframe our responsibilities to land and community as we journey towards reconciliation."*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**EDAC20250206.1001**

Moved by Ray Cowell that the agenda be adopted as amended to include New Business Item 8.3 Committee Check-In.

**Carried Unanimously**

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **EDAC20250206.1002**

Moved by Laurier Lapointe that the meeting minutes of January 9, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **DELEGATION**

Lacey Chyz introduced herself to the attendees; introductions ensued.

### **4 Wing Cold Lake**

Kyle Seleski provided an update on behalf of 4 Wing Cold Lake, including:

- Progress on the parkade renovations.
- Plans for the renovations to Building 7.
- Closure of the all-ranks kitchen.
- Plans for building demolition, building renovations, and infrastructure upgrades.

Discussions ensued regarding clean up and approvals.

L. Chyz confirmed there were no further questions or discussion from the Committee at this time.

### **EDAC20250206.1003**

Moved by Paul McWilliams to make a recommendation to Council to write a letter to 4 Wing Cold Lake and request an official timeline regarding infrastructure, budget, and personnel, all in the spirit of being engaged stakeholders and collaborative partners in support of economic development.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce**

Lacey Chyz provided an update on behalf of Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce, including:

- Details of the Annual General Meeting.
- Chamber Travel Trip to South Africa with information session.

## **Community Futures Lakeland**

Mike Kilburn provided an update on behalf of Community Futures Lakeland, including:

- Commencement of the Smartstart Program.
- Lemonade Day.
- Try- Trades Program.

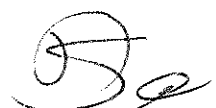
## **OLD BUSINESS**

Lacey Chyz commented on the last Roundtable discussion from the January 9, 2025 meeting, including youth employment and updates from Luke Groenen, and the annual reporting to Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) - February Rural Renewal Stream Employer Application Review**

For Information.



**Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) -February Rural Renewal Stream  
Letter of Endorsement Requests**

**EDAC20250206.1004**

Moved by Michael Kilburn to accept the four (4) Letter of Endorsement Requests into the Rural Renewal Stream, as presented.

In Favor (8): Councillor Richardson, Councillor Parker, L. Chyz,  
R. Cowell, A. Verner, M. Kilburn, P. McWilliams

Opposed (1): L. Lapointe

**Carried**

**Committee Check-In**

Lacey Chyz conducted a Menti Survey with the participants to engage with the group.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

L. Chyz provided updates to the Committee, including her being invited to a youth leadership conference regarding participation in a board governance process, and providing the annual Committee report to Council on February 25, 2025. Discussions ensued regarding the Committee conducting a youth employment survey.

M. Kilburn has nothing to add at this time.

L. Lapointe provided discussion around youth employment and advised that he will be completing a Level 3 High School Referee Course.

P. McWilliams suggested inviting Mayor Copeland to attend a Committee meeting to speak about Council's view of economic development.

Councillor Richardson provided updates to the Committee regarding health care restructuring, engagement sessions, new transition beds, and physician recruitment.

Councillor Parker provided updates to the Committee regarding a meeting with the Legion to update the North Cenotaph, Seniors 55+ games in Leduc, a meeting with the MLA and Alberta Invest at the M.D. of Bonnyville Adventure Park, CEDI joint venture with CLFN, and the value of a site selector program run by the Alberta Government to provide information to investors.

Discussions ensued regarding derelict housing and the action from the City of Cold Lake.

R. Cowell has nothing to add at this time.

**IN CAMERA**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

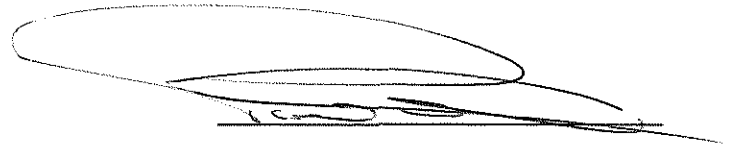
The next meeting shall be held on March 6, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**EDAC20250206.1005**

Moved by Laurier Lapointe that the meeting be adjourned at this time being 8:33 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**



Chairperson



Designated Officer