I. Attendance

Councilor Jamieson, Chair
Mayor Eady
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Clerk Bulmer
Deputy Clerk Charkavi
Economic Development Officer (EDO) Thomas

II. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None Declared.

III. Delegations/Deputations

i) The Renfrew Business Improvement Area (BIA) was not present for the scheduled delegation.

IV. Confirmation of Meeting Notes

MOVED by, Mayor Eady, Seconded by Chair Jamieson

THAT the minutes of Administration and Economic Development & Tourism Committee Meeting held July 4, 2019, be adopted as printed.

- CARRIED -

V. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS ARISING

ADMINISTRATION: AGENDA ITEMS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: AGENDA ITEMS

i) Craft Beer Update

a) Not For Profit Organizations

Deputy Clerk Charkavi addressed the committee regarding not for profit groups attending the Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival. The festival does not admit vendors due to limited space. The Committee discussed the matter and ultimately decided that due to limited space available on site not-for-
profit vendors would be unable to participate. Although space could not be offered at the Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival, the Committee agreed that space at the Bluegrass festival be offered instead.

MOVED by, Mayor Eady, Seconded by Chair Jamieson

THAT not for profit organizations not is permitted to participate in the Renfrew Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival.

FURTHERMORE that free space is offered to the interested groups at the Bluegrass Festival.

- CARRIED –

Action: Deputy Clerk Charkavi to reach out to not-for-profit groups and inform them of Committee’s decision.

ii) Rural Economic Development (RED) Intake – September 2019

EDO Thomas provided the committee with a memo regarding details of the updated RED funding parameters for the September 2019 intake. The group reviewed the document and discussed items that could be applied for under the grant provisions.

ACTION: The AEDT committee directs EDO Thomas to complete a RED Grant application under the Strategic Economic Infrastructure stream to improve public Wi-Fi and install wayfinding signage in the downtown core up to a maximum total project cost of $10,000.

iii) Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream (Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport)

Mayor Eady addressed the group stating that it was announced by the Ministry that The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program was open for submissions. He stated that as in previous discussions the Recreation Committee will work together to put forth a submission to expand recreation facilities in Renfrew.

iv) Celebrate Ontario 2020 Funding Announcement

EDO Thomas provided a memo outlining the Celebrate Ontario 2020 funding program, explaining that it would be beneficial to apply for the 2020 Bluegrass festival. The Committee agreed.

v) Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP)

EDO Thomas provided a memo outlining the ZEVIP funding program. The Committee accepted as information.
vi) Shared Services – Economic Development

Mayor Eady and Clerk Bulmer and EDO Thomas have reached out to staff at the municipalities of Admaston/Bromley, Greater Madawaska, and Horton to set a meeting regarding potential opportunities for shared services in the areas of Library, Recreation and Economic Development.

**Action:** EDO Thomas to work with Mayor Eady to coordinate the Efficiency meeting.

vii) Visitor Information Centre Landscaping

EDO Thomas provided a brief overview and visual of the landscaping project that has commenced at the Visitor Information Centre. The Committee discussed the importance of budgeting for signage for the building for 2020.

**Action:** EDO Thomas to get quotes on signage for the Visitor Information Centre.

viii) Pop Up Art Installation – Visitor Information Centre

EDO Thomas provided an overview of the Pop up Art Installation that was at the Visitor Information Centre from August 15-September 1, 2019. The art installation is being led by Ottawa Valley Creative Arts Open Studio (OV-COAS) through a seed grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The installation has been travelling throughout Renfrew County for summer 2019 with over 20,000 who have experienced exhibit.

EDO Thomas went on to explain how the Art Installation is a good example of how the new Visitor Information Centre can be used for multiple-purposes and community building initiatives.

ix) Municipal Accommodation Tax

EDO Thomas shared some recent media highlights regarding the discussions of the Municipal Accommodation Tax. There is a vocal group of accommodators who are opposed to the tax in Renfrew County. The Hoteliers led by Paul Murphy, owner of Calabogie Peaks, presented to the Development & Works Committee at the County of Renfrew on September 3rd, which received some questioning from County Mayors and Reeves who were present. The presentation was received as information.

VI. LAND SALE/PROPERTY INFORMATION: AGENDA ITEMS

i) General Update

Clerk Bulmer provided an overview of the current land items and their status and expected next steps.
VII. CLOSED SESSION

IX. Next Meeting

Thursday October 3, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Town Hall Board Room

X. Adjournment

Time of adjournment 11:25 a.m.