

Downtown Development and Revitalization Advisory Committee (DDRAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Merritt Room at 3:30pm

Attendance:

Robin McPherson
Daniel Romanko
Bernie Slepko
Brianne Hawley
Mike Mazzolino
Tisha Polocko – BIA

Regrets:

David Vivian-Brock
Chris Lowes
Harald Ensslen

Staff Liaison:

Judy Pihach, Manager of Planning Services

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**
Daniel Romanko called the meeting to order at 3:35pm
 2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
There were no addition or deletions to the Agenda.
 3. **Motion to approve the agenda**
Moved by: Robin McPherson
Seconded by: Tisha Polocko

“That the agenda for the meeting of November 10, 2015, be approved.”

CARRIED

4. **Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting**
Moved by: Bernie Slepko
Seconded by: Brianne Hawley

“That the minutes for the meeting of October 20, 2015, be approved.”

CARRIED

5. **Presentations (invited guests)**

- 2015 CIP Community Improvement Plan
 - Bruce Bellows, Planner, Planning and Building Services, gave a presentation explaining the CIP process, and took questions from the committee.
- St Paul Street – Expanded opportunities for sidewalk patios
 - Scott Ritchie, Urban Design Planner, Planning and Building Services, gave a presentation on the Pop-up Patio project, and the opportunities going forward. He explained the tentative plans and the goals of the City in regards to improving the St. Paul Street streetscape, and took questions from the committee.

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

Request to address Budget Committee with regards to the 2015 CIP and Civic Square budget, addressed under Section 7, Business.

7. **Business**

- 2015 CIP - Discussion re: role of DDRAC in Budget Committee considerations
 - Council's approval of CIP budget will include a lump sum for Grant Programs, and an amount based on specific project approval for the Tax Incentive Programs
 - The committee discussed a presentation to the Budget Committee for budget allotment to the 2015 CIP
- Civic Square – Presentation to Budget Committee
 - The committee believes the Civic Square project is promising and should be given a budget in order to develop further.

It was moved by: Bernie Slepkov

Seconded by: Mike Mazzolino

"That the DDRAC undertake to present to the Budget Committee the request for:

- 1 Financial support for the CIP.
- 2 Financial support for the Civic Square Project."

CARRIED

- St. Paul Street Sidewalk Patios

It was moved by: Robin McPherson

Seconded by: Mike Mazzolino

“That the DDRAC endorse the staff recommendation with regards to the St. Paul Street sidewalk patios.”

CARRIED

- Work Program – further discussion of DDRAC initiatives
 - This discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 3:30 pm.

9. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Robin McPherson

Seconded by: Bernie Slepko

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.