

PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Present	Councillors Leanne Burton, Lee McConnell, Mike Ostrander, Gauri Shankar, and Ray Young
Staff	Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Lindsey Veltkamp, Director of Administration/Clerk, Nathan Richard, Interim Director of Operations, Kaitlin Mallory, Deputy Clerk, Shawn Merriman, Manager of Building and By-Law, Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer, Renny Rayner, Fire Chief.

1. Call to Order

Councillor Young, Acting Deputy Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 134-2021: Burton, Shankar That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of June 2, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest – None

Mayor Todd joined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor Todd resumed the chair at 6:14 p.m.

4. Presentations

4.1 Economic Development Strategy Discussion

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, introduced Paul Blais and Clark Hoskin from MDB Insight.

Paul Blais, MDB Insight, spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file. An overview was provided to Council with a background of the company, the key deliverables, the project timeline, and opportunities for engagement.

Clark Hoskin, MDB Insight, spoke to changes in the labour force and common themes.

Mr. Blais facilitated a brainstorming session where each member of Council provided comments on economic development accomplishments, economic development priorities for the Town, the relationships and partnerships in the community, and future visions for 2031.

Discussion was held regarding the Town's location, the current interest in developments, partnering with neighbouring municipalities, opportunities for residential grown, tourism, and helping businesses expand.

Further discussion was held regarding partnerships with local organizations, municipalities, and staff, and future visions for the Town including increased residential, overall, and sustainable growth.

Mr. Blais stated that there would be opportunities for further responses, the next steps in the process and the timeline for when the draft Economic Development Strategy would come before Council for review.

5. Confirming By-Law – 29-2021

Motion 135-2021: Ostrander, McConnell

That By-Law 29-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting held on June 2, 2021, be read and passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Motion 136-2021: Young, Ostrander That the meeting be adjourned to Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. (Time:8:05 p.m.)

Carried

Mayor

Clerk