



MINUTES

BLIND RIVER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2020

2:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

PRESENT: S. HAGMAN
 P. SUMMERS
 B. DUNBAR
 J. DUNBAR
 S. WELLS
 H.P. ROY
 J. POSTERARO
 K. SCOTT, CAO/CLERK
 P. WALSH, DEPUTY CLERK
 SUE DENT, TREASURER
 KAREN BITTNER, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES &
 COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair B. Dunbar called the Blind River Development Corporation Board meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Remarks from the Chair

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED BY: S. Hagman

SECONDED BY: J. Posteraro

“That the Blind River Development Corporation Board adopt the minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting as presented.” **CARRIED**

5. STAFF REPORTS

- 5.1 Treasurer
-Financial Update.

MOVED BY: J. Dunbar
SECONDED BY: S. Wells

"THAT the Blind River Development Corporation authorize \$3,797.00 be transferred to the Town of Blind River, as the Town paid the wages for the summer student at the Tourist Information Centre in 2019." **CARRIED**

- 5.2 Treasurer
-Proposed 2020 Budget.

- 5.3 Director of Facilities & Community Services
-Community Improvement Plan.

MOVED BY: J. Posteraro
SECONDED BY: H.P. Roy

"That the Blind River Development Corporation Board fully support the Community Improvement Plan, as presented by the Town of Blind River." **CARRIED**

- 5.4 Director of Facilities & Community Services
-Prioritizing Blind River's Downtown Merchants.

MOVED BY: S. Hagman
SECONDED BY: P. Summers

"That the Blind River Development Corporation Board authorize a one-time contribution to the Downtown Beautification Project, for signage for the downtown merchants to achieve a visual branding cohesiveness in the amount of \$1,000.00; AND THAT \$400.00 be set aside for future businesses to make application." **CARRIED**

- 5.5 Director of Facilities & Community Services
-Request for Support - FedNor Grant, Blind River Marina.

K. Bittner reviewed the report with the Board.

K. Bittner departed the ZOOM meeting at 2:50 p.m. citing unprofessional behaviour of the Chair.

H.P. Roy departed the ZOOM meeting at 2:50 p.m. citing unprofessional behaviour of the Chair.

MOVED BY: J. Posteraro

SECONDED BY: J. Dunbar

"That the Blind River Development Corporation Board fully support of The Town of Blind River's application to FedNor seeking funding that will allow Blind River to have a fully-developed accessible tourism product;

AND THAT The BRDC fully supports goals of:

- Business Retention and Expansion
- English, Ojibwe, and French Language Product Promotion
- Local Investment
- Accessible Tourism
- Marine Tourism
- Professional Product Offering
- Regional Economic Prosperity
- Local Merchant Covid-19 Business Rescue Efforts

AND THAT the BRDC look forward to a positive response from The Honourable Minister Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, as this project meets the mandate of FedNor."

CARRIED

- 5.6 Director of Facilities & Community Services
-Wayfinding Signage Development.

MOVED BY: S. Hagman

SECONDED BY: J. Dunbar

"That the Blind River Development Corporation Board approve the expense of \$2,000.00 to wayfinding signage in order to promote

revenue-generating services that offset municipal operating pressure, as well as promote Blind River's tourism attributes." **CARRIED**

5.7 CAO/Clerk

-Business Operations Direction; Phone number/web presence, etc.

MOVED BY: P. Summers

SECONDED BY: S. Hagman

"That the Blind River Development Corporation Board direct the Secretary/Treasurer to proceed with establishing a web based presence for the BRDC;

AND THAT expenditures for office supplies be authorized."

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

6.1 Green Tech Building

MOVED BY: J. Dunbar

SECONDED BY: J. Posteraro

"THAT the Blind River Development Corporation Board authorize the Treasurer/Secretary to prepare a lease agreement with North Shore Power Group for the Green Tech Building in the Blind River Industrial Park for another five (5) year term."

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

8. CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY: S. Wells

SECONDED BY: P. Summers

"That the Blind River Development Corporation Board go into Closed Session at 3:15 p.m. to discuss a proposed business venture." **CARRIED**

MOVED BY: J. Posteraro

SECONDED BY: S. Wells

“That the Blind River Development Corporation resume open meeting at 3:34 p.m.” **CARRIED**

8.1 Proposed Business Venture

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING

September 3, 2020. Time to be determined based on COVID-19 situation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: P. Summers

SECONDED BY: J. Dunbar

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Blind River Development Corporation Board adjourn at 3:37 p.m.” **CARRIED**

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK