

Special Meeting: February 21, 2014
Township of Strong Municipal Office

Present: Sundridge – Elgin Schneider
Strong – Merlyn Snow
South River – Jim Coleman, Jeff Dickerson
Machar – Ron Bennison, Bill Russell
MNDM – Carole Mantha

Absent: Doug Maeck, John Newstead, Bill deVries

Staff Present: Caitlin Haggart – Recording Secretary
Laura McNeice – Economic Development Intern

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Jim Coleman and Carole Mantha was welcomed.

Caitlin Haggart and Carole Mantha met after the regular meeting on February 12, 2014 to discuss the funding application for a third year of funding from NOHFC for the economic development program. The funding is under the Northern Community Capacity Building Program and would cover 50% of eligible costs (wages/benefits, office expenses, mileage and meeting costs). A resolution of support is required to accompany the application. A second resolution will be required from the municipalities to support the budget when it is set.

Resolution 2014-15

Moved by: Merlyn Snow **Seconded by:** Bill Russell

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby recommend that an application be submitted to NOHFC's Northern Community Capacity Building Program to support a third year of economic development initiatives with the understanding that the funding covers 50% of all eligible costs. **Carried**

Discussion:

The purpose of the special meeting was for the committee to review the current Strategic Plan, which was created in 2009, in order to update it to reflect the projects that the committee has completed and to include projects that were identified upon the completion of the Northern Communities Investment Readiness project. The committee focused on areas that include local radio, regional mapping, Mikisew Provincial Park, Cycling, the Information Centre, the Airport, skilled labour/labour shortages, Investment Readiness/Asset Inventory, Business Visitation Program, and Tourism Development. The current Strategic Plan could allow access to funding opportunities from Explorer's Edge. Caitlin and Laura will work on updating the Strategic Plan when time permits.

A meeting to discuss the CAEDA budget has been set by the sub-committee for Monday March 3rd at 9:00am at the Township of Strong office. The secretary will send a reminder to those involved.

Adjournment:

Resolution 2014-16

Moved by: Merlyn Snow **Seconded by:** Elgin Schneider

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adjourn at 11:07 a.m. until the next regular meeting on March 19, 2014 at 9:00am at the Village of South River Municipal Office, or at the call of the chair. **Carried**



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