

**PROPERTY & PLANNING
STANDING COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S
Held Wednesday, May 3, 2006
At 10:00 a.m. – City Council Chambers**

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PRESENT:

Councillor Wasacase	Chair
Councillor Compton	Council
Councillor McMillan	Council
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Tara Rickaby	Planning Assistant
Jennifer Rasmussen	E.D.O.
Jeff Port	City Planner

Regrets: Councillor Parkes, Bill Preisenz Jennifer Rasmussen

Councillor Wasacase opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

ACTION

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES AS PER BY-LAW NUMBER 14-2003 - None

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 19 April, 2006
Moved by: Len Compton Seconded by: Rory McMillan
THAT the minutes of the April 19, 2006 meeting of the Property and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

E. DEPUTATION - None

1. By-law to provide that *The Line Fences Act* does not apply to all or a part of the municipality.

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2. Economic Development Officer – Report

Jennifer Rasmussen highlighted the following items: Lake of the Woods District Property Owners' Association (LOWDPOA) Cottage Show and Annual General Meeting, the Office at the Lake marketing campaign, Downtown Revitalization/Heritage Committee, Common Ground Workshop Next Steps, Economic Development Committee, Northern Star Action Centre and reminded those present of the Open House at the Operations Centre, this coming Saturday, May 6, 2006. Jennifer will follow up on some questions respecting the statistics coming out of the Northern Star Action Centre as what workers are included in the calculations.

The Committee discussed methods of enticing business to the City and the importance of helping existing businesses to flourish.

Information only

3. Northwest Business Centre – 2006/2007 Business Plan and Highlights

Carmela Laffin thanked Council for their support for this fiscal year. She also suggested that a meeting of this committee be held at the LOWBIC offices in the near future, so that the Committee members can see for the Business Enterprise Centre office.

Carmela described accomplishments of 2005 and highlighted the goals of the 2006 Business Plan.

The Committee discussed the importance of cooperation between all three levels of government to ensure that programming is delivered in an efficient manner, without duplication.

Measuring performance was also discussed and some examples were given respecting expanding businesses, as well as new business starts and numbers of clients who have been in contact with the centre.

It was recommended that Ms. Laffin be invited to present at the next meeting of the Northern Development Council (Northwest) set up by the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines; Councillor Compton is a member of the Committee.

Councillor Wasacase thanked Ms. Laffin for her informative presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

