

DATE OF MEETING | May 13, 2020 |

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SUBJECT | **REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WORK PLAN** |

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Economic Development Task Force with background information on the work plan for the Economic Development Strategy.

BACKGROUND

The Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) was established by Council on 2019-NOV-18. The EDTF has two key objectives: to develop an Economic Development Strategy for the City of Nanaimo and to fully develop the new external agency (Nanaimo Prosperity Agency).

To advance the Economic Development Strategy, the EDTF approved a Terms of Reference for the assignment at the 2020-JAN-06 Special Economic Development Task Force meeting.

A Request for Proposals from Qualified Consultants was issued on 2020-JAN-15, with submission due by 2020-FEB-14.

A working group of the EDTF comprised of Councillor Turley, Doug Backhouse, Bob Moss, Cathy Carlile and two City Staff members, reviewed the seven submissions received. Through the review process Lions Gate Consulting Ltd. (Lions Gate), from Vancouver, was the successful proponent.

The work plan for the Economic Development Strategy is contained in Attachment A.

Lions Gate will present and review the work plan with the EDTF during the 2020-MAY-13 Special Economic Development Task Force meeting.

SUMMARY POINTS

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Economic Development Strategy Work Plan |

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