



DISTRICT OF 100 MILE HOUSE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TO BE HELD IN DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, November 25th, 2025, AT 3:00 PM

	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Mayor to call the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Mayor acknowledges that this meeting is being held on Tsqescencú'ecw.
A.	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u>
	A1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 25th, Committee of the Whole agenda <u>be approved</u>.
B.	<u>INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS</u>
C.	<u>DELEGATIONS:</u>
Interior Health	C1 Karen Cooper, Executive Director, Clinical Operations, Thompson Cariboo Rural for Interior Health will be present to discuss the health-care landscape in 100 Mile House
D.	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u>
E.	<u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u>

F.	<u>STAFF REPORTS:</u>
Economic Development Capacity	F1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the District of 100 Mile House endorses staff to further explore a special funding application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for additional economic development staffing capacity considering the permanent closure announced by West Fraser.
G.	<u>BYLAWS:</u>
H.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u>
I.	<u>QUESTION PERIOD:</u>
J.	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>
	J1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 25 th , 2025 adjourn: PM:



**District of
100 MILE HOUSE**

**COUNCIL REPORT
File No. 570-01**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Nov. 25, 2025**

REPORT DATE: Nov. 18, 2025

TITLE: Economic Development Capacity

PREPARED BY: J. Doddridge, Director Economic Development & Planning

PURPOSE: **For Discussion** – regarding additional economic development capacity

RECOMMENDATION: Recommended Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the District of 100 Mile House endorses staff to further explore a special funding application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for additional economic development staffing capacity considering the permanent closure announced by West Fraser Mill.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

Council has indicated a desire not to pursue Community Transition Tables or other formally coordinated transition activities. Rather, an emphasis has been communicated on stepping up economic development actions and activities in ways a local government can support the community.

The Provincial Transition Team has coordinated with Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) who can potentially provide funding to support additional economic development capacity for communities impacted by forest industry downsizing. This is extra left-over funding from NDIT programs that did not proceed.

Ec Dev / Planning staff currently have a heavy workload. There is considerable development activity taking place in 100 Mile, demanding Planning attention, as well as strong interest in investment for residential and commercial development, demanding Economic Development response. The additional workload for supporting response and



recovery related to the economic consequences of the mill closure puts even greater pressure on already stretched staffing resources.

Therefore, additional Economic Development staff capacity, envisioned as serving in a supportive role to the Director of Economic Development & Planning, could provide the most viable increased capacity option to offset some of this workload. The specific job description, skill set and responsibilities of such a position are still being contemplated and compiled. However, the focus of the added staffing would likely centre around work that would move beyond an initial response phase of the mill closure effects, and centre around actions that build community and business resiliency and ultimately recovery. Both business retention and investment attraction would be targeted, along with continued economic diversification efforts.

Staff is preparing a detailed update of the progress made towards economic diversification since development of the *District of 100 Mile House Economic Development Strategy: 2021 and Beyond* for a January meeting of Council. By then, we will also have a better understanding of the economic impacts of the mill closure, enabling Council and staff to formulate a solid plan for economic transition over the next few years and beyond.

Staff is requesting Council discussion regarding a temporary staffing addition.

OPTIONS: Discussion only

BUDGETARY IMPACT: It is unknown how much funding will be available from NDIT, but it is estimated to be enough to cover approximately 2 years of a staff support position. It is presently not anticipated that there will be a District contribution required. However, further information will be available once we explore this option more fully.

LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATIONS (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws): N/A

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

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Date: Nov. 17/25

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Date: Nov. 17/25