# Report of the Manager of Economic Development

September 2022

**CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE** 

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#### Staff

Mr. Heard – Main source for content creation for multiple departments, monitors and facilitates all social media content and is serving as the facilitator of the City's upcoming BR&E Program

Mrs. Doyle – Serving as event support for the Recreation department, Departmental duties as required and is preparing the upcoming Strategic Tourism Plan.

## **Projects**

#### **Fox Drive Project**

• Staff are still working with Public Works to get an updated cost and timeline to service the area from hydro.

#### D4 & Phase One Environmental Esten/Pearson Area

 Staff continue to work with service providers to complete the next phase of the study.

#### **Business Retention and Expansion Project**

- Survey being prepared
- Great volunteer response
- Expect to launch the project in early to mid-October

#### **Tourism Initiatives**

- Staff are in late stages of preparing a tourism strategy.
- Staff have met with Destination Northern Ontario and the Algoma Kinnawabe Travel association and are working on initiatives to increase tourism to the City.
- The department will be working very closely with the Snowbirds and Mt Dufour to maximize exposure of these tourism draws going into winter 2022.
- Preparing new tourism collateral for Spring 2023.

### **Updating Economic Development Department's Resources**

- Staff is continuing to update/create the following:
  - Available residential and commercial properties listing (private and city owned)
  - Economic development web page
  - Available land information package (tax rates, utilities contacts, ect)
  - Community profile and marketing collateral.
  - New Map and Discover Elliot Lake piece.

#### **Business Outreach**

• Staff are consistently working to strengthen the Municipality's relationship with business owners. The BR&E Program will only further strengthen the Municipality's relationship with our business sector.

#### **Land Sales/Investment Inquiries**

- Staff are looking to increase the availability of commercial land.
- Staff are expecting to bring 2 new agreements of purchase and sale to Council in October.

#### **Collaboration**

• Communicating regularly ELNOS, CFDC and the NOHFC.