Briefing – to Members of Council

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**Issue**
- Update Council on status of call for membership the Economic Development Advisory Committee

**Background**
- Invitations via mailed letter and email where sent to the following organizations:
  - Heart Lake First Nation – no reply
  - Beaver Lake Cree Nation – no reply
  - Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement – no reply
  - Kikino Metis Settlement – no reply
  - LLB Chamber of Commerce – response received
  - ROABA – no reply
  - Community Futures – no reply
- The lack of response brings in to question the validity of the proposed advisory committee.
- Economic Development is a focus area for the County based on Goal #1 of Council Strategic Plan. Although committees can be beneficial to supporting economic initiatives in an advisory capacity, there are many other effective ways to build community capacity and achieve goals.
- Administration suggests alternate options are brought back to Council for consideration given the lack of success filling the membership under the current Terms of Reference.

**Strategic Alignment**
- Building community partnerships is one of the outcomes in Council Strategic Goal for Economic Development. An Advisory Committee can play a key role in providing advice to Council with respect to planned and proposed economic development initiatives.

**Follow-up**
- To accept the briefing as information.