

BACC November 12, 2021

Attending: Jim, Dan, Debra, Cheryl, Shawn, Lee, Blair, Brooke, Leitha, Jayme.

Regrets: Liam, Bruce, Stacey, Rae

Agenda – approved

Minutes – approved

Guest: Stuart Franck – Chair of Citizens of Public Transit, also a member of BACC.

Volunteer organization advocating for public transit. Want accessible regional public transit connecting the towns and areas of MODL. Active since 1996. Involved with the launch of Bridgewater Transit. Also helped to form the Joint Transportation Committee. Also involved with Maritime Bus Service. Recognize the impacts of increased cars on our climate. Recognize that public transit is linked to all other social and economic issues in the region. At the recent AGM all four mayors, 2 new MLAs and MP-elect were in attendance. And Dan! CPT will help with some research around a pilot project, and they want to grow business and community partnership – really need the support of local business.

Will BACC promote a volunteer opportunity on the CPT Board? A formal liaison appointment or just encouraging members. Join the group of advocates! Also join the facebook group. Meetings are Tuesday mornings 9am via zoom. BACC will put it out to the membership, and also can set up a lunch and learn in the new year, April 28 of 2022. Jim will attend a meeting.

Education: Will follow up with Faye Patey and Amanda Fancy to do a piece on Diverse Workplaces. Lunch and Learn is booked until April.

Government Involvement: The email was sent out asking for feedback, we are already getting responses. Rae and Bruce worked on this.

CME – they had a small meeting, Rae was going to do a flyer for Christmas displays. We think that will go out starting next week.

Nominations – did not meet.

Financial – as submitted. 60% of membership dues have flowed through. Sending out quotes instead of Invoices has slowed down the process. We need a new approach – can we auto-renew? May need to speak to bank or accounting further to find solutions.

Executive – didn't really meet. It was Blair's fault. Dan's report as submitted. LAE is still leaning towards their online learning as it's proving to be successful. Looking into workplace Covid tests.

TOB – Christmas plans: working on best decorated homes contest with prizes – some space in the Breaker to promote this, decorating the week of Nov 22 for town assets. Community Tree – working on some challenges with lights. Helping Nature Heal is decorating planters on King Street. Doing the tire snowmen! Working with tire businesses in town asking them to participate, town will supply the wrap. Recreation Department is working on some programming around this. Affordable Housing – a lot of conversation on this at all levels. Struggle with having accurate data for this area. Everyone sees the urgency.

MODL: Joint Transportation Committee, Internal Transportation Committee. Housing. Make a note Mark Strickland – update. Continuing work on our Community Hub Feasibility study. Christmas Stuff – send some details to Rae for calendar events.

Old Business:

Survey out, pausing on strategic planning , social media proposals from Rae – Bran Geddes, Jennifer Naugler. We decided to table them until we've decided our direction. November 11th – BACC Jim laid a wreath on our behalf, Dan was there, TOB did a live stream on the ceremony.

New Committee Structure – table until we get the results of our survey. Pending.

Budget approval – passed.

Christmas Decorating prize – moved that we would provide up to \$500 for free membership for the business to BACC and a pizza party for the staff.

Bank transition – Dan and Lee sat down to determine what we need from our bank, now a lot of paperwork, still working on the MasterCard – it has a \$2k limit, if we want it increased to \$5k with BMO we need a motion. Then the transition should be smooth. Need to update organizations with new banking and payment information. Registry of Joint Stocks is finally updated!

Leitha moves AND Cheryl seconds that we apply for a \$5k credit limit with the BMO MasterCard. All in favor, motion passed. We will need two signing authorities for this.

Jim will never get his email to work. We should take some money out of the budget to fix Jim's email. We need to hire a professional.

New Business:

Bridgewater Transit sponsorship – Shawn moves to sponsor, Blair seconds, all in favor, motion passed.

Discussion points from Rae – we need to brainstorm our direction (after we get survey results), also wants feedback about the upcoming newsletter and suggestions.

Liam taking a short break, he will be back!

When things ease up we should look at having a social event of some kind.

Meeting adjourned 9:40am. Next Meeting: December 10th, MODL