

## Meeting Minutes for the Bridgewater & Area Chamber of Commerce

### Call to order

A meeting of the Bridgewater Chamber of Commerce was held at Town Hall Chambers on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Attendees included Bob Richards, Pres., Dan Hennessey, Exec Dir., Shawn Patterson, 1<sup>st</sup> V. Pres., Emily MacKay, Secretary, Harry Rhyno, Director, Brooke Nodding, Director, Blair Lipsett, Director, Trevor Walters, Director and Lee Wallet, Director. Member not in attendance was Sherry Stewart-Spidle, Treasurer, & 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres., Bill MacInnis.

### Approval of Agenda

Noted by Bob Richards, & Pres Dan Hennessey, Exec. Dir., the Agenda set forth for today's meeting, received by all board members prior to the meeting. No additions.

### Correspondence

Bob R. discussed email to Mayor and Bob's response. BACC has offered to have them do a presentation to the BACC at some time in the future.

Email from Swain & Associates (referred to Events committee)

Andrew Zinck resigned from the board. Board thanks him for his support.

Correspondence from Cecil Clark (PC) forwarded to events committee for meeting opportunity.

### Minutes approved

Approval for previous meetings minutes was asked for by Dan Hennessey.

### Motion

Was moved by Blair Lipsett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trevor Walters. Motion Passed.

### Chamber Chat Presentation

Chamber chat presentation by Judy Koster of Arby's Bridgewater (308 Dufferin Street).

### Business Arising

Dan H. discussed Acadia & NSCC event. Lots of good inquiries about BACC.

Speed dating take 2 was less busy than the first event, but still a good turnout.

Chamber Storefront contest only 1 submission so far, Dan will take to King Street again to encourage more submissions.

The Chamber Special meeting on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western was a success, by-laws were passed and the presentation by Tina Hennigar was much appreciated.

The Chamber Skating Event this year was a colossal failure, only 7 people showed up over 2 hours. Will have to re-visit and come up with a different community event next year.

Dan & Bob met with the NSCC Principal, Craig Collins, at NSCC in regards to the Make Way Campaign.

Non-traditional businesses polling what they wanted in regards to BACC.

BACC to invite Shawn Allen (from the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Awards) to a future Chamber meeting.

## Old Business

Bob R. discussed the casual coffee with the Mayor at the Town Hall on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor just returned from France where local ideas were shared on a global platform. BACC and the Town to work together moving forward on modernizing business in the downtown Bridgewater area.

Blair L. commented that all businesses can benefit from meaningful partnerships.

Dan H. discussed expanding the Façade Society to make available to the whole town. Bob R. pointed out the need for a committee to provide input into how the funds from the Façade Society would be distributed. As a business community BACC needs to be in front of the decisions of where funding will go to support local business.

## Financial Update

Dan Hennessey, Exec Director, commented that the financials are good and about where we want to be this year. No one had any questions or concerns.

## Committee Status Reports

Bob R. commented on the by-laws passed at the Special Membership meeting on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. The ability for members to vote electronically is very progressive.

Debra Porter is the new chair of the Events Committee. She provided an update. Draft terms of reference created.

Shawn Patterson discussed Small Business Workshop.

Brooke Nodding working on Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) presentation.

Debra P. - Events committee met with Cecil Clark not going ahead with a presentation. Gave further update on events. Royal LePage is hosting a home show May 18<sup>th</sup> @ LCLC. Trevor Walters is a new member of the Events Committee. They have agreed to try and meet once a month.

Shawn P. Membership committee Lee Wallett & Trevor Walters offered to join Shawn on the Membership Committee.

Bill Bruhm is joining the Welcoming and Events Committee.

Dan H. provided re-cap of Executive Directors report. 158 members paid/ 4 complimentary memberships at this time. Eastlink TV called & offered a Christmas Greeting to all of the Business Community. GOWs Home Hardware named best hardware store. Dan H. provided testimonial for GOW's.

Bob R. Last item next meeting is Jan 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am. The next Chamber Chat will be Amanda Fancy from GOW's.

### New Business

Bob R. introducing Scott Feener to discuss the opioid crisis in the South Shore.

Scott Feener, chief of police presents on the Opioid Epidemic and the actions being taken by the local emergency response teams to battle this issue.

### Adjournment

Bob R. announced the end of the meeting after the presentation by Scott Feener, Chief of Police in Bridgewater.  
Bob R. motioned to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn P.

Emily MacKay, Secretary

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017