

Meeting Minutes for the Bridgewater & Area Chamber of Commerce Board

October 5th, 2018

In attendance

Dan Hennessey, Blair Lipsett, Lee Wallet, Debra Porter, Emily MacKay, Bill McInnis, Jeff Langille, Reid Whynot, Shawn Patterson, Jim Brown

Regrets: Melissa Prime, Andrew Mutch, Joel Holland

Call to order

8:30am Committee Room Town of Bridgewater

Additions to Agenda

N/A

Correspondence

Received a letter from bursary recipient

Discussed buying Christmas wreaths for King Street, chamber had discussion on supporting. Dan is going to find out more information on cost and logistics. To be discussed at next meeting. The Christmas parade is November 24th in Bridgewater.

Discussed the Town of Bridgewater's request to take over one of the snowmen for no cost, or for a very minimal cost of decorations, & have our BACC sign on it. Blair Lipsett made a motion to go ahead with snowman decorating not exceeding \$100 of cost, seconded by Reid Whynot, motion passed.

Discussed Veteran's week banner sponsorship request of \$250 incl. taxes & HST. Reid Whynot made a motion to support, Blair Lipsett seconded, motion passed.

Toy drive for the IWK request from Mike Wilson in New Germany, requested us to send out email to our members. BACC is trying to be mindful to not flood our member's email inboxes with requests, therefore; we agreed to advertise on our website and share on our Facebook page.

Chamber Chat Presentation

Chamber Chat presentation put on by Stewart Frank with Workplace Performance Management. Stewart has worked in Occupational Health & Safety for over 30 years. Born and raised in Bridgewater he has returned to the south shore to provide Occupational Health & Safety auditing, consulting, and training. His office is located on 8 Evergreen Road in Bridgewater.

Approval of Minutes

Approval for previous meetings minutes from the September 7th Board meeting was passed.

Business Arising

Municipal Affairs Committee has been established with Shawn Patterson chairing. Bill McInnis & Reid Whynot will work with the committee as representatives of TOB and MODL. There are currently no updates at this time. We are currently looking for volunteers.

Reminder: BIO and photo of each board member should be put together and sent to Dan ASAP if you have not already. Suggestion is if your photo has not already been done; take it in front of your place of business.

Old Business

- Small business week, Chamber supporting Oct 18th Women in Business Luncheon at Wiles Farm market, put on by Bernice Williams. Emily MacKay, Brooke Nodding, and Debra Porter attending.
- Chamber picnic was a success although numbers were low. Cost was about \$500. Takeaways for next year are to vet the day as best we can, and move signs out to the road to draw in visitors.

Financial Update

Financials reports were not available for meeting due to technical difficulties getting statements online. We are still in the process of collecting dues. Letter of authorization signed to grant online access to signing authorities, and to accept Interac e-transfers. Jim Brown put forward motion to accept e-transfers, Reid Whynot seconded, motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Events Committee-Chair- Debra Porter Date of last committee meeting Sept 12th, 2018. Business succession planning event at FirkenStein Brewing on Sept 20th was a success put on by BMO (Lee Wallet). BACC summer picnic was successful, date for next year, 2019, is tentatively Sunday, Sept 15th with a rain date of Sept 22nd). Upcoming events for Oct Parliamentary Secretary Lametti's luncheon at Osprey Oct 9th. South Shore Tourism Co-operative Semi-Annual Meeting on Oct 11th from 1 to 3 at the Best Western. NSCC Networking event and tour Oct 18th at 5pm. Advertised on the BACC FB page Ask the Expert Breakfast, and Savvy Business Building Luncheon. Upcoming events Antares Computers Berthold Halm TBA, decorating store fronts for Halloween, and Valentine's Day Event- replacing with Beat the Winter Blues in Feb 2019. Toonie Toss is underway, lottery number arrived Oct 4th.
2. Membership committee 10 new members since our 2018 AGM.
3. Nominating committee-N/A
4. Budget committee- Will be meeting quarterly; next meeting will be in October.
5. Chamber Mandate committee- as discussed please complete your lists and send to Blair ASAP. Results to be discussed in a separate meeting in October.
6. Executive Directors Report distributed to board members in advance of meeting.
7. From Bill McInnis & Reid Whynot on TOB and MODL business updates: The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) and the Town of Bridgewater (TOB) agreed at a joint in-camera meeting October 3 to take over the management of the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC) and integrate their three recreation services. On June 1st, Bridgewater was revealed to be one of only five finalists for Infrastructure Canada's \$5 million Smart Cities Challenge prize. Bridgewater will receive \$250,000 to go towards creating a final proposal, with the aim of reducing energy poverty in Bridgewater.

New Business

Chamber outreach program

Downtown merchants meeting, seems to be interest meeting coming in next few weeks.

Chamber projector purchase, Blair Lipsett made a motion to purchase on sale at Staples, Emily MacKay seconded, motion passed.

Adjournment

Blair Lipsett made motion to end meeting, Emily MacKay seconded, motion passed. Next meeting is Friday, Nov 2nd @ 8:30am sharp Town Hall committee room.

Emily MacKay, Secretary

Oct 29th, 2018