

**Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce
Directors Meeting March 19, 2015**

Attendance : Chair Neil Cook, Gerry Besancon, Rita Hulbert, Mayor Hulbert, Kirk Lycett

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by chair Neil Cook.

Minutes from February 2015 meeting approved.

Old business;

P-12 school- a design input committee is in place consisting of 30-40 people, which include students, principals, teachers, and community members presenting ideas on energy, water utilities, geo-thermal, etc. These will be presented to the architects and design team.

New Business:

The last council meeting for the Town of Bridgetown will be held on March 31/15 at 7:00 pm.

The County is hosting a local prosperity conference to be held in April. The cost is \$400 plus tax and the chamber will sponsor a business to attend by offering 50% of the cost. Notice will be sent to all businesses and Neil and Jason will choose from those interested.

There was no finance report available.

From the Town:

There will be a town council meeting on March 24/15 to deal with outstanding issues. Cody Jodrey will be the point of contact to the county and will take questions from citizens. He will be in this position until October 2015.

Membership Update; Tracy advised they will leave things as they are until the new executive for the BACC is installed. Neil suggested sending information to businesses before the AGM to hopefully spurn interest in joining the chamber.

The BACC AGM will be held on April 27, 2015 at the Fire Hall, corresponding with First Responders presentations. The O2 group from the high school will be utilized to serve, and we will use local food providers. The meal will be lobster or prime rib. The committee have met once and will have tickets printed to be sold at \$25 per ticket. An invitation has been sent to Premier Stephen McNeil to attend. We will advertise through word of mouth and email to businesses as there is limited space.

Mayor Hulbert suggested having Deb Ryan from the Recreation Dept. speak also, as this would be a great way to open door for access to the Dept. and to the county and municipal reps.

The Youth Ambassador and the garden club will be getting together to present her project to the Lions Club and Town Council, maybe coincide with the bus shelter being provided by the Lions. Kings Transit and Council have to approve the shelter.

The UARB will be in Town on April 9/15 to set new water rates, with a substantial increase expected. You may contact the UARB to get on speakers list.

The Annapolis Valley Library is pushing ahead to move, RFP is out for new location. The BACC will forward a letter to the county to express our concern over the loss of the library and that the citizens of our community expect a fair and transparent review of this process. Mayor Hurlburt will take these issues to the County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Next meeting will be April 19/15.