

**Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce
Director's Meeting May 21, 2015**

Attendance: Jennifer D'Aubin, Andy Kerr, Gerry Bezanson, Horace & Rita Hurlburt, Caroline Perriman, Jerry & Maureen Publow, Paul Blake, Gary Olsvik, Kirk Lycett, Bob Elliot, Neil & Darlene Cook, Tracy Forbes

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by chair Jennifer D'Aubin with a welcome and introduction of all present.

Minutes of previous meeting read, moved by Kirk to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by Neil, m/c.

Business Arising:

AVRL:

To date there has been no letter drafted to the County regarding the AVRL moving to Kings County and also inquiries about the space formally occupied by the Eggplant Café. Jennifer will start the process, and suggested the BACC executive should arrange a meeting with the County, maybe invite John Ferguson and the Warden to our next meeting to discuss this situation. Jennifer advised Cody Joudrey is the liaison.

The library headquarters has committed to moving in 2017 using their own reserves to finance this move. To get more information we should contact our MLA or the Board of Directors for the library.

Bridgetown Float:

Horace advised the trailer for the float is in good shape, it is not inspected yet. It was delivered to the High School on Tuesday and work should be completed within a week and it will be stored at the old Fire Hall. Some materials have been purchased and some have been donated by Frasers and Home Hardware. The BACC logo along with the Lions Club and the High School will be on the float. Horace requested a \$200 donation from BACC for additional paint, etc., moved by Neil to allow this donation, 2nd by Gary, m/c.

Youth Ambassador:

A presentation was held at the High School on Tuesday with 40 students in attendance. All previous Youth Ambassadors attended in person or online.

Emma's project is going along; she has engaged elementary school students to help paint stones for the pathway of the Peace Garden she is creating on the property between Credit Union and the Town Hall. Emma feels that adding Youth Ambassador to her resume has resulted in additional bursaries.

Directors Election:

BACC executive have nominated three directors, Caroline Perriman, Anne Crossman, Jon Marshall, moved by Jennifer to accept these nominations, 2nd by Neil, m/c.

BACC Member billing system;

Online program for applications and renewals for members is now available. Andy has list of paid members and will post these online. Business will receive invoice by email (if available) and can pay by credit card or cheque. Further information available at Bridgetownareachamber.ca
A business directory is done for online, just need little updating.
Tracy will contact Mike regarding ongoing member campaign.

Food Bank;

Lisa Fleet will be invited to the next BACC meeting to accept the donation from our AGM and Scotiabank (\$1500) along with the donation on behalf of our premier.

Guest Speakers at BACC meetings;

Neil will move forward with contacting business owners, asking if they would be interested in presenting themselves at a BACC meeting, talk about their business and their outlook for future local prosperity.

New Business

Mike Parker has been renovating the space he has purchased in Bridgetown and inquired as to rates for local current office space. It was suggested he should contact either John Smith or Bruce Hutchinson.

County Update;

Tax rates have been approved and residential rates have decreased by 2 cents with commercial rates down by 12 cents.

Water rates have not yet been set.

Reports:

Finance: Current balance is \$11,709.95.

Ciderfest:

Committee is up and running, decals have been given to businesses to display. Dan and Joanne have discussed fundraising ideas for Ciderfest.

VIC:

Approval has been given for 350 hours. Destination SW Nova is contributing \$2000. The County has not yet determined its contribution. Nicole Tanner will be operating the VIC from mid-June to Aug/Sept. 2015.

The Think Big Committee will be meeting on May 31/15 at 2:00 pm at the Makery.

Discussion held as to whether the BACC should have a formal alignment with this committee. Further discussions will be held with the BIG committee.

The triathlon is now the Bridgetown Lions Triathlon.

Next meeting will be June 18/15