

## **BACCS Minutes**

**September 21, 2023**

### **6:30pm-DeVenney Room-Bridgetown Library**

In Attendance: John Osborne, Laura Ricketts, Angela Prive, Zack Van Wagner, Harrison Murphy, Trudy White, Samantha Langley, Ro Allen, Dustin Enslow, Holly Kaulbach, Nancy Price

Absent with notice: Caroline Perrimen, Jennifer D'Aubin

Ro called meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Agenda errors & omissions: Dustin added parking lot, sports hub & Church Street to discuss.

Review Last Meeting Minutes: Ro called for errors & omissions. Laura motioned to approve minutes, Zack seconded. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: None.

Presidents Report (Summer Report):

- BACCS storage has been secured, Munro homes will donate office space and storage space. There were a lot of items in the old firehall that needed to be removed, currently those items are in peoples' homes. They will be moved to storage in coming months.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Finance: Laura Ricketts

- No report, she will complete this and circulate via email.

Ciderfest: John Osborne

- Ciderfest happened, wrap up meeting is next week at which time a further report will be provided. It was profitable, final numbers are not yet in.

Development Committee: Nancy Price

- New banners were installed on Queen Street by Steve Campbell and Steve Walker. The designs by Angie Myers are intricate, colourful and thoughtfully highlight the many assets of the community. The committee has considered the creation of banners dedicated to our local veterans for the month of November and worthy of further consideration.
- The six planters on Queen Street were planted, tended and kept in excellent condition by Caroline Perrimen-thank you.
- Several members of the committee met with CAO Chris McNeil in August since the committee requested input into the final design of the parking lot. Our concerns were

heard, extra spaces were added to the back of the lot, consideration for space to install a Christmas tree and brickwork instead of concrete were agreed upon.

- Our application for Active Transportation grant from NS Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage for \$5000 was approved. The grant is to enhance the previous \$5000 from the Municipality and will be used to buy and install picnic tables, benches along the trail and to produce signage and brochures.

#### VIC-Tourism:

- Ro had received notes from Jacob (VIC employee) and Kirk Lycett which she read.
- Total visitors for the summer: 68 Canadian & 8 American
- Some things to consider for next year: could the restroom in the VIC be repaired so that patrons do not have to walk to one, having brochures of community events & business information would be helpful, air conditioner in the VIC needs repair, computer could use updating as it is failing
- Kirk suggested a small committee to meet in the off season to progress the VIC. It was agreed that we would go ahead with this committee. The committee will be created in the October Meeting. Dustin, Trudy & Angela have already volunteered.

#### Membership: Ro

- No report.

#### Light Up The Town:

- No report, planning will start in October

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteer Expo at BCRS is September 23, 2023 from 10-1, all welcome, meet at the school at 9:30 for setup, dress appropriately it will be outside.

Parking Lot: Paving has been approved by the county. The parking lot will include two electric vehicle chargers, a water spicket for planters in the summer, the meridian will have pavers and a planter for Christmas tree as well as an outlet for Christmas tree lights. This job will be going to tender shortly. Dustin hopes to work with Chamber and help the Chamber to communicate to business owners and residents that they should be parking at the back of their buildings and not taking up public parking for extended periods.

Church Street: Dustin wanted to make us aware that the potholes will be filled and lines painted on Church Street. He also mentioned that planning has begun for a 4 year project on Granville Street to replace water and sewer lines. Only half of the street will be closed at a time, traffic will still be able to flow. The hope is that the business district will be done in the off season.

Sports Hub: Effective January 1, 2024 ACOSS will take over hub maintenance pending signatures. County will give \$50 000.00 annually.

Ro called to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. Carried.