

BACCS Meeting

January 19, 2024

6:30pm Devenney Room-Bridgetown Library

In attendance: Ro Allen, Laura Ricketts, Samantha Langley, Caroline Perrimen, Holly Kaulbach, Nancy Price, Harrison Murphy, Dustin Enslow, David Hudson

Absent: Joh Osborne, Jennifer D'Aubin, Trudy White, Angela Prive, Zach Van Wagner, Kirk Lycett

Ro called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Agenda errors & omissions: Nancy Price asked to speak about ACROSS-added.

Review of November Minutes: Laura made a motion to accept the minutes. Holly seconded. Carried.

Business Arising: None

REPORTS:

Finance-Laura

There were technical issues with her program and she wasn't able to have an exact report. Ciderfest is still coming together, payments are coming in, it was definitely successful.

Light up the town invoices will be done soon and sent out.

\$5000.00 Grant for the trail from the province was received.

Ciderfest-No report.

Development Committee-Nancy Price

Work on the trail has slowed due to weather, benches and picnic tables are being stored in West Paradise. Grant deadline for completion is April 2024.

ACROSS has applied for a grant and is working collaboratively with the school to put the rail connector through the west boundary of the school property. This will tie in with our active transportation goal of encouraging visitors to the Hub to walk the trail and visit the business district and access our amenities.

The committee is going to explore the idea of hanging baskets using artificial flowers, these would be easier to maintain.

There is concern about the planter in the parking lot not being tall enough for the shrubs to be planted. Original plan was for 3 layers of brick, there are currently only two, enough brick was purchased for 3 layers.

ACOSS will holding a public information session on February 15, 2024 at the Bridgetown Legion to discuss how the Bridgetown Outdoor Sports Hub can reach its full potential. They wanted to invite the Chamber members, all present felt this is important and we should attend. With February 15, 2024 being the date of the Chambers regular monthly meeting it was decided that we would move our meeting one week. The February Chamber meeting will be February 22, 2024.

VIC/Tourism-Ro

Ro will be sending committee members contact information to Kirk so that he can reach out to them and set up a meeting.

Grants need to be applied for.

Membership-Ro

She will bring membership packages to the next meeting.

There are new perks coming for members through the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, information will be available at the next meeting.

Light Up The Town-Laura/Ro

The event was successful overall. An estimated 2500 people were in attendance. Ro has made a manual with lots of notes for next year on things to keep/change/improve upon.

The fireworks were a big hit, we would like to look into having fireworks again next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan for 2024.

Ro would like everyone to come to the next meeting with ideas for the coming year.

Direction/goals/vision for the Chamber.

Nominations Committee

AGM is on the horizon, start thinking about who may want to fill executive positions.

Ro called to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm.