

## **BACCS Meeting**

**March 21, 2024**

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

**In Attendance:** Ro Allen, John Osborne, Samantha Langley, Jennifer D'Aubin, Caroline Perrimen, Trudy White, Holly Kaulbach, Zach Van Wagner, Harrison Murphy, Dustin Enslow, David Hudson, Carrie Ness

**Absent:** Laura Ricketts, Angela Prive, Nancy Price, Kirk Lycett

Ro called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

**Agenda errors & omissions:** Harrison added item #5 Cyprus Walk Proposal.

Zach moved to approve the addition. Holly seconded. Carried.

**Review of January minutes:** Jennifer made a motion to accept the minutes. Zach seconded. Carried.

**Business Arising:** none

#### **Community Updates:**

Trudy should be re-opened the week after Easter, renovations are taking place and near completion.

Wools On the Corner is celebrating 10 years of business in April.

Mexican Fiesta has a lot of kitchen equipment for sale for the next week. It will be torn down.

#### **Cyprus Walk:**

Harrison provided a comprehensive pamphlet to the Chamber requesting \$1213.90 from the Chamber to complete the Cyprus Walk project, funds would be used for promotional banners, benches and map booklets. Discussion took place.

Jennifer made a motion to approve to move forward with the project with the suggestion of adding businesses to the Cyprus Walk Map, funds would come from the VIC/Tourism Budget. Trudy seconded. Carried.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Finance:** No report-Laura was not able to attend the meeting.

**Ciderfest:** John

Dates have been set for September 5-8, 2024.

Planning meetings will commence shortly.

A band has reached out-they want to perform.

**Development:** Jennifer read the report from Nancy.

Progress has been made on the walking/biking trail, signs are underway. Bear River First Nations worked on a name for the Harvest Moon portion of the trail and have chosen Nepewisk Awti'j (moonlight trail) Nepewisk means Moonlight and then awt'j is trail (small road). An interpretive sign depicting the migration of Mi'kmaq families up the Annapolis River in the summer to fish will be installed along the trail.

ACOSS has applied for the grant for the trail connector.

Development Committee is prepared to do the work needed on the VIC and work on job description of the employee. The Active Living Coordinator for Annapolis County wants to partner with the VIC employee for canoe and kayak rentals.

BRCS O2 approached the committee to do a mural on the VIC, a drawing has been submitted, the committee likes what they got and look forward to the partnership pending approval.

Future projects include the Business District putting their best foot forward for BASH visitors. This could mean more planters on Queen and Granville, Welcome BASH signage, painting and tidying of storefronts, is this a Chamber responsibility or Development Committee? -needs discussion.

Jubilee Park cleanup will be planned for late May/early June.

ACOSS would like representation from the business district to ensure that excellent communication occurs in the planning of events. How does the Chamber feel about this?

**Discussion arising from report:** Is there money to paint the VIC? -Yes. Development Committee will take it on. Money for paint was approved in a previous meeting.

Ro will pen a letter to Jennifer Ward who is in charge of BASH asking if there is anything the Chamber can do to help.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed O2 class mural for the VIC, we would like to ensure that the O2 class is responsible to keep the mural maintained going forward before we approve.

**VIC/Tourism:** No report.

**Membership:** Everyone please renew your membership on the website.

Ro shared her new membership packets-well done! Everyone in attendance received a package for review.

**Light Up The Town:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Strategic Plan for 2024:**

We would like a review and revamp of the website to be a part of 2024s plan.

**Nominations Committee:**

Discussion took place regarding potential candidates to fill positions for the upcoming year. The Chamber is always looking for eager participants to fill positions. We will be needing a President for this year.

John forgot he had someone request to rent our tents for a wedding, discussion ensued. John made a motion to allow the rental of our two 10x20 tents for \$200.00 each with 1x \$500.00 damage deposit. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

The AGM will be May 2 at 6:30pm at Junction 16-all are welcome.

Ro called to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm.