

Town of Stewiacke
Business and Tourism Committee

Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, February 4th, 2016

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Acting Chair, Jim McMorran.
Present
Marla Taylor, Anna Nibby-Woods, Brian Harrison, Larry Mathews, Chad Ramsay, Darren Schriver, Jim McMorran. Joy O=Neal was present as a guest.
Regrets
Regrets were received from Susan Creelman, Heather Hamilton, Jeff Gray, Don Hay.
2. Changes to the Agenda
There were no changes to the agenda
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting
On a motion by Darren Schriver, seconded by Larry Mathews, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as circulated.
4. Business Arising From the Minutes
 - 4.1 Strategic Plan
Anna Nibby-Woods reviewed the Strategic Plan drawing attention to a new chart that shows what has been accomplished and a revised time-line. Members of the committee were asked to review the plan and be prepared to discuss same at the next meeting. It was suggested and agreed that a future meeting of the committee be dedicated to reviewing the Strategic Plan.
 - 4.2 Building Plan
Marla Taylor mentioned she had submitted tenant suggestions to Chad Ramsay for the proposed new building. Chad Ramsay mentioned the new changes to funding brought in by the banks making it more difficult to finance a building.
 - 4.3 Web Site
Local businesses are being added to the web site with links categorized similar to the Shubenacadie site for Stewiacke businesses.
 - 4.4 CBC Correspondent
Anna Nibby-Woods will be able to take on this role after the summer. It was felt by some members that the CBC was incorrect in their selection process and that this should be looked into.
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Saltscape Home Show Booth
The question was asked as to whether the committee wished to participate in the upcoming Saltscape Home Show and it was felt after discussion that the committee should participate. No volunteers to take on the project were forthcoming.

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6. Committee Reports
No reports

7. Member Reports

7.1 Susan Creelman

Joy O=Neal commented on the ongoing development of the Paliser Property in Truro. Time lines are in place for the development of this property.

Susan Creelman mentioned in her report on the visit of noted Canadian author Norm Foster and his recent visit to the Town of Stewiacke, the impact/ influence of our new town sign on him and the play written by Norm Foster that will be put on in August in Ontario about the Town of Stewiacke.

7.2 Jim McMorran

Jim McMorran reported on the recent changes in the Stewiacke and Area Community and Business Association Directors and a plan to hold a business Expo is in the development stages.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the B & T Committee will be on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016, 9:00 AM in the Town Council Chamber.

. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM

Respectfully submitted.

Jim McMorran, Acting Chair/ Secretary