

Town of Stewiacke
Business and Tourism Committee

Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, September 7th, 2017

1. Opening & Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Susan Creelman, Chair

Present

Susan Creelman (Chair), Mary Commo, Brian Harrison, Darren Schriver, Jim McMorran

Regrets

Regrets were received from, Marla Taylor, Jeff Gray, Don Hay

2. Changes to Agenda

No Changes to Agenda

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were deferred.

4. Business Arising From the Minutes

4.1 *VIC*

Mary Commo reported that visitors to the VIC were up by 168 for July and by 71 for August 2017 for a total to date of 5,354 visitors up by 5% from last year! The Colchester County has increased its support of the VIC as has the Town of Stewiacke. Mary Commo is to meet with Julia Hay about the possibility of extending the VIC being open longer! Mary stated she had worked two days a volunteer at the VIC. Discussion followed on the changes that should be considered at the VIC to make it easier for visitors to access.

4.2 *Business Expo*

The Town of Stewiacke is sponsoring a Business Breakfast to be held at the Community Center on Wednesday October 18, 2017. \$25.00 for ea table. Foodland will be taking part and it was suggested the Fire Dept. Be contacted to provide a Bar-B-Q for supper.

4.3 *Community in Bloom*

No Report available

4.4 *Dennis Park*

Work is in progress updating the facilities at the park.

4.5 *Tourism Update*

(See 4.1 VIC)

5. New Business

5.1 *Bill 177*

Susan Creelman stated this deals with rebating some property taxes by using a formula based on assessed values and to be used for an incentive to have business locate to area.

5.2 *Riverside Drive*

The Town Council is looking at a different style of parking and parking area for Riverside Drive section adjacent to the Guardian and Post Office locations.

5.3 *Intersection of Highway 102*

It was reported that the house on the corner of Highway 102 and Main Street has been sold to TIR

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formerly known as the Highway Dept. and will eventually be demolished for intersection improvements.

5. New Business (Contd)

5.4 *C A O*

With the resignation of Sheldon Dorey, a search is now ongoing for a new town C A O.

5.5 *Stewiacke Culture Showcase*

A discussion followed on the possibility of Stewiacke hosting a Music Festival considering the number of venues available in town now available, the United Church, Baptist Church, The Little Nashville stage, Dennis Park, the Community Center and other outdoor venues.

6.. Committee Reports

No reports.

7. Member Reports

Jim McMorran reported that the recent concert held at The Little Nashville Stage raised \$302 for the Colchester-East Hants Branch of CMHA. This amount is the highest raised so far for all events held.

8. Dates to Remember

8.1 Oct 18 Business Expo @ Community Centre - 4-8 PM

8.2 Oct 16-20 NS Small Business Week

8.3 Oct 5 B&T Committee

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of The Business & Tourism Committee will be on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Susan Creelman
Chair

Jim McMorran.
Secretary