

Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, October 5th , 2017

1. Opening & Welcome

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

Present

Susan Creelman (Chair), Mary Commo, Natasha Head, Marla Taylor, Brian Harrison, Jeff Gray, Don Hay, Chad Ramsay, Jim McMorran

Guest Alex Stevenson, President of the Truro Colchester Chamber of Commerce

Regrets

Regrets were received from Darren Schriver.

2. Changes to Agenda

Electric Charging Station Update and the Industrial Park were added to New Business

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

On a motion by Jim McMorran, seconded by Jeff Gray, the minutes of the September 2017 meeting were accepted with the following corrections:

\$.2- Business Breakfast should read Business Expo,

Marla Taylor stated she had sent her regrets for the September meeting.

4. Business Arising From the Minutes

4.1 Business Expo

The Business Expo has room for 44 tables @ \$25.00 per table. The organizing committee is made up of Susan Creelman, Natasha Head, Mary Commo and Heather Hamilton. A pamphlet advertising the Expo was circulated. The parking lot is available for display and the Legion will have a Bar-B-Q on hand..

4.2 V I C

Mary Commo reported the V. I. C. will be opened until the end of October 2017. Don Hay expressed thanks for the additional support given to the V I C. by the Town of Stewiacke.

4.3 Dennis Park

Work is in progress updating the facilities at the park with a Grand Re-opening for the end of October. Original estimate for the work was \$170,000. However, close to \$120,000 has been raised in support of the work from the community.

4.4 CBC Community Radio

Anna Nibby-Woods was featured on the CBC this morning.

4.5 Strategic Plan

On Going

4.6 Litter Clean Up

Mary Commo mentioned litter clean up day is October 21st from 10-12

5. New Business

5.1 Facebook Page

Natasha Head spoke of a new Facebook page for the committee which will make the dissemination of news, events easier for all.

5.2 C. A. O. Update

Susan Creelman reported the search for the C. A. O. Is ongoing.

5.3 Electric Charging Station.

Don Hay stated the Mastodon Ridge will be installing such a station for next spring.

5.4 Industrial Park

An update of work and development at the Industrial Park was provided.

6. Committee Reports

No reports.

7. Member Reports

- Marla Taylor stated she is still trying to recruit support for the “Community in Bloom” project.

- Brian Harrison mentioned the Bell Data Storage project has not come through. Bell didn't get contract so land deal fell through. Brian suggested we promote that we had the consent to re-zone the land to allow such a facility. It might attract other such facilities. Brian spoke also about the expanded distribution of the Town Newsletter going to all B0N 2J0 and suggested having a brochure stands at Post office to hold surplus copies. Brian mentioned the poor condition of the underneath portion of overpass and this is something many see as they come off highway.

- Jim McMorran reported on the ongoing CMHA Awareness and Fund Raising campaign.

- Natasha Head mentioned a new barber is now at the Bluenose Mercantile and she has opened a .FB page for the B&T Committee. Susan to send some B&T information for Natasha to post on the FB page.

- Mary Commo mentioned a Litter Clean Up day on October 21 and that Sea Cadets were looking for a project

- Don Hay mentioned that the Tourism season has been good.

- Alex Stevenson brought greetings and update from Chamber and mentioned helping advertise the Business Expo

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 21 Litter Clean Up Day

8.4 November 2, 2017 next B&T Committee

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of The Business & Tourism Committee will be on Thursday, *November 2nd, 2017*, at 9:00AM in the Council Chambers.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Susan Creelman
Chair

Jim McMorran.
Secretary