

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
June 1, 2011

Present: Dawn Howe-Power, Francis Josey, Kenneth Josey, Trevor Gammon, Wayne Malay, John Wood, Cathy Farris, Judith Hare, Daniel Creelman, Gordon Holman, Jeff Hogg, Brenda McInnis, Penny Farris, Carol and John Makinson, Ed Empringham, Robert and Sandy Moser, Susan Boutilier, Mickie Shaw, Arthur Mackenzie, Antony Turner, Ruby Gammon, Norma McLeod, Jason Muis, Meryl Akinson, Anne and Barry Thomas, Tom McNair, Terry Rutledge, Tom McInnis, Irma Snyder, Kay Boutilier, Patricia Holman, Eugene Holman, Mark Krause, Wayne MacInnis, June McInnis, Sandy M, Jr. Martin, Helen Pinfield. **Regrets:** Sheila Martin, Kent Smith, Janice Christie

Guests: Staff Sergeant Steve Merrick, Inspector Dennis Dailey, RCMP

Scribe: Wendie Russell

Minutes

- 1.0 Chair Tom McInnis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. welcoming Chamber members.
- 2.0 **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of: Sidewalks - Wayne Malay, Community Vegetable Garden - Mark Krause, Moser River Board of Trade - Tom McInnis, and Funding - Sandy Moser. **Motion to approve with these additions Tom McNair, seconded by Jr. Martin. Motion Carried.**
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes May 4, 2011: It was moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by Francis Josey that the minutes of May 4, 2011 be approved. Motion Carried.**
- 4.0 **RCMP Update:** Staff Sergeant Steve Merrick and Inspector Dennis Dailey provided an overview of services and activities within the Sheet Harbour catchment area. Restructuring will take place over the summer with 2 transfers and one promotion planned. RCMP have increased wharf patrols (158) establishing a police presence and resulting in improved communication and less issues. Break and enters have decreased by 43% and road safety checks have been increased. Concern expressed that there is a young, less experienced presence of RCMP officers being transferred in. RCMP shares this concern hence continuous training for all officers. As well, integrated resources/networks are drawn upon. Community members are encouraged to report any suspicious incidents reaffirming that we are all responsible for safety. Business cards were left for anyone wishing to contact Staff Sergeant Merrick or Inspector Dailey. Tom thanked Staff Sergeant Merrick and Inspector Dailey for coming in to provide the update.
- 5.0 Business Arising from Minutes:
 - 5.1 **Bingo:** The Chamber Bingo is scheduled for **June 22 at the Lions Hall beginning at 7 p.m.** Janice Christie and Betty Jane Daye are coordinating this event. They are in need of assistance and more prizes. If you are able to assist, please contact Janice at 885-2691 or janicechristie@omniglobe.ca. Prizes may be: toilet paper; laundry detergent, sugar, toothpaste, tooth brushes, small gifts, reusable containers, envelopes, etc. If prizes could be delivered in a reusable Foodland bag, this would be greatly appreciated.

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
June 1, 2011

6.0 **Committee Newsflash:**

- **Art Society: Sandy Moser**
 - Art Exhibit and Sale, 3rd weekend August. All encouraged to come out to look and/or purchase. Current and upcoming artists participating.
 - Art Room set aside at McPhee House. (hope to have artist of the week or every 2 weeks where work will be displayed)
 - Applied for community grants
 - Hoping to increase Art Group visibility
- **Funding for Art Room:** Sandy Moser asked the Chamber if they would consider funding (approximately \$250. with tax) for a couple of fold up tables and folding chairs as there is furniture for the art room. Ralph LeBlanc and Ruby Gammon agreed to share this cost.
- **Friends of Taylors Head:** Sandy Moser reported for Warren Parsons. Friends of Taylors Head have had a very successful year. This year 15 activities have been arranged. The park is currently open and will remain open this year into December (closure usually is in October) thanks to the support and work of the Friends of Taylors Head. The events are listed on the home webpage. Sandy has emailed an activities listing to all Chamber members and offered to email out to anyone wishing to receive.
- **Heritage Society:** John Wood reported the museum is open, being visited and donated to. As a result of funding, thanks to Tourism and Culture, the Society will now be able to move forward with activities that have been planned for sometime but where funding was not currently available. One possibly two travelling staff will be seconded to the Museum.
- **Multi Purpose Building:** Tom McInnis reported that preparation of application is underway to have feasibility study completed. The study is mandatory to proceed with tender calls. George Childs and Robert Moser are overseeing this.
- **Tourism:** Cathy Farris reported that good work is being done in this area. Cathy acknowledged both Terri Rutledge and Norma McLeod for their beautification work around McPhee House grounds and surrounding grounds. Co-op students from Duncan MacMillan High contributed to the set up of McPhee House and did some gardening as well. Judith Hare has come on as manager and will be providing great leadership from May until Thanksgiving. Have received federal grants of 9 weeks for one student plus only 4 weeks for 4 others (this was disappointing as the hope was to offer longer employment to students to assist in paying for their education. AESTA has given \$2,000 that will be used for employment of one student to help Judy. McPhee House is open every day from 12 until 5 but hope to extend hours as grants are received. Telephone number at McPhee House is 885-2092. Email address is mcpheehouse@gmail.com. Setting up in Facebook and link to Sheet Harbour website improving opportunities for communication. Now must negotiate a new lease with HRM with the expectation that we will take on more operational costs. The VIC will also be taking on special days, weekly events and workshops. Looking for a volunteer Saturday/Sunday from noon to 5 to oversee at McPhee House. If you are interested or able, please let Judy or

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
June 1, 2011

Cathy know. The computer at McPhee House will not allow for wireless access/internet. If anyone has a computer to donate, please contact Cathy. Dawn suggested Woodworks Lake City in Dartmouth. The Makinsons do have a computer but not sure if it would have the capability for wireless. Cathy ended her report by thanking all committee members for their hard work.

7.0 New Business:

- 7.1 **Sidewalks:** Wayne reported that the mowing should start by Monday. Interviewing candidates tomorrow. Hope to get the lawn rolled soon (this is part of winter maintenance). There has been one case of vandalism on fixture/globe across from Elmhurst with two holes being made into the globe. Concern that LED lights are water sensitive. Cost of replacement light is \$3,000 and globe replacement is \$600.00. Wayne asked all to be vigilant.
- 7.2 **Community Vegetable Garden:** Mark Krause presented on behalf of the Masonic Lodge. The Lodge is offering dedicated space for a community vegetable garden in along the roadside located in front of the United Church Hall. They hope to have this initiative started by April 2012. Anyone interested or with ideas/thoughts are asked to contact Mark through Tom McInnis.
- 7.3 **Moser River Board of Trade:** Tom read a letter from the Moser River Board of Trade addressed to the Honourable Charles Parker, Dept of Natural Resources expressing their concern on there being no conservation officer in Sheet Harbour, and asking that the Department re-evaluate this situation. The Moser River Board of Trade is asking for Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce for their support. **It was moved by Robert Moser and seconded by Wayne Malay that the Chamber support Moser River's position on this. Motion Carried.**

- 8.0 **President's Report:** Tom McInnis thanked members for their work and support this past year. Much work has been completed over the fall and winter months. Without the work and dedication of Chamber members, the VIC would not be open this year as HRM decision was to drop our VIC. Thanks to ongoing commitment from Chamber members, the House is now revived with Heritage Society, Art Society, VIC open manned by students and volunteers. This is very important to the tourist industry. Tom thanked Cathy and team for work well done. On July 13th, a visit is planned from Mayor Kelly, Councillor Steve Streach, Mr. Butt, CEO. Tom asked if Chamber would like to have a general open lunch. Members are to let Tom know their preference otherwise he will arrange a lunch with Board of Directors only. During the past few weeks, Tom has completed his role with the Provincial Chamber of Commerce and past President of Nova Scotia Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity, Tom has been able to witness Chambers at work across the province, and reiterated with members that the Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce is outstanding. Members are to be commended for their work. Part of the success of the Board of Directors, Tom believes, is that no infighting was allowed and party politics did not enter in. The Chamber's goal is to continue to build the economy to attract and keep

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
June 1, 2011

people in the community and to protect our institutions. Tom took the time to welcome new people: Jason Muis, Bank Manager Scotiabank, the Masonic Lodge members and Irma Snyder.

9.0 **Other Business:**

9.1 Norma McLeod asked for help at the McPhee House concerning emptying garbage cans and landscaping. Wayne stated that the garbage cans would be included in the summer maintenance contract. Junior Martin agreed to oversee the sale of tickets for the picture Norma is having framed.

9.2 **Fishing Derby:** Robert Moser reminded everyone of the annual fishing derby organized by Search, Ground and Rescue this Saturday, beginning at 7 a.m. at the Marshall flowage. Great prizes, canteen available. \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per youth.

9.3 **Legion # 58:** An Old Hat event is taking place at the legion tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. Admittance by donations. Prizes available for the best old hat. Refreshments also available.

10.0 **Adjournment:** There being no further business, it was moved by Ann Thomas to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendie Russell, Secretary