

Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs
November 7, 2012 - MINUTES
7:30 pm, Lion's Centre

Present: John Wood, Dawn Howe-Power, Jack Marshall, Anke Beichmanis, George Child, Eugene Holman, Patricia Holman, Kent Smith, Janice Christie, Cathy Farris, Anthony Farris, Shane Barthwick, Robert Taylor, Bryan Bosien, Sheila Martin, Anthony Turner, Erin Boutilier, Sandy Moser, Wanda Purcell, Norma McLeod, Art MacKenzie, Terry Rutledge, Junior Martin, Harold Taylor, Cst Francis Cortenanch RCMP.

1. 1st Vice-President Kent Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30. He thanked everyone for coming. Sandy Moser approved the minutes of October 3, 2012 as circulated.

2. Guest Speaker :

Jeff Hogg introduced Roger Peters who discussed Training Modules for businesses in this area. These are developed by the Department of Labour and Advanced Education. This is offered to businesses across the province. It is suggested that a cluster of businesses develop an organizational needs assessment to determine what the educational needs are. This program pays for the Instructor for a Focus Group. They report to the Project Team (such as The Chamber) and recommendations are made regarding Leadership and Financial Management and Marketing. The Program runs 30-40 hours and is customized to meet the needs of the organizations. \$1,500 is available to co-ordinate the businesses to come together. He gave out information packages.

Committee Reports:

- ART SOCIETY: No report
- FRIENDS OF TAYLOR'S HEAD BEACH: Warren absent. Sandy reported regarding the Bird Watching; The Highway Cleanup from the Park-East; There will be a bird count in December - one particular day....Call in report. Call Sandy for more detail.
- HERITAGE SOCIETY: John Wood . There was not a quorum in October . Work continues at the museum re: cataloguing. There is a new Eastern Shore marketing person, located in Sheet Harbour - emphasis on marketing and branding the Eastern Shore. Seaside Tourism and Business Association is developing a map for 2013. A map will include VICs. 2013 calendars are on sale for \$10 each. (Old ones for \$5) John, Judy and Cathy are preparing a grant application for someone to work for six months on training the staff on VIC and local Heritage. He suggested the Chamber could engage a grant proposal writer. There is a workshop specifically on the archives of material. John Wood moved the SHCOCA seek and engage such a person. Cathy Farris seconded. Approved.
- TOURISM: No news
- SHAD: No report
- RURAL TRANSPORTATION: Harold said Lucy has been doing a lot of follow up regarding the application. Harold will send the information to Janice to forward to the BOD. He wants to generate the interest to complete the survey; get it out to individuals through the Capsite and the Sheet Harbour Homepage. Rural Transportation from Moser River to Tangier....reach out to the outskirts.

- MACPHEE HOUSE: Cathy Farris reported that the kiosk was primed on October 26 and November 1st. Will be painted in the Spring. re: Nature Trail / Cut Out Party; Terry Rutledge will complete an intermediate solution for the (damaged) Board Walk while developing a Long Term Plan. . Marina: Waiting to hear back from a potential backer.

-Sheila Martin spoke about the School Review Process and Public Meetings. Eastern Consolidated in Moser River - November 19th at 6 pm; Lakefront in Tangier - November 22 at 7 pm; Sheet Harbour Consolidated School in Sheet Harbour - December 10 at 7 pm. She felt that people seem to be open to the one school concept for students from Moser River to Tangier.

-The annual C of C Tree Lighting and (Lions) Parade of Lights will be held on Sunday, December 2. Parade at 6:30 and Tree Lighting at 7 pm. at MacPhee House. A committee under the direction of Janice Christie and Ruby Gammon has been struck.

-George Child will hang the Christmas wreaths along the sidewalks before the parade.

-The annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Wine and Cheese Social will be held at the Lions Centre at 7 pm on December 19. Co-ordinated by Janice Christie. Donations of finger foods welcomed.

-Kent invited any members who wished to speak with Shane Barthwick and Robert Taylor to stay to meet with them as they would answer any questions re: Open Pen Salmon Farms.

-The RCMP noted that Jennifer McGowan had retired. Call 902-490-5020 for Dispatch.

- Tom McNair inquired about the new School Speed Zone. (Cst) Francis explained the zone is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If a child is present the zone is 30 klm; if no children are present it is 50 klm.

5. NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2013 , 7:30 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT: Sandy Moser called for adjournment.

Respectively Submitted
Janice C. Christie
Recording Officer