

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
June 2, 2010

Present: Wayne Malay, Tom McInnis Brenda McInnis, John Makinson, Carol Makinson, Eugene Holman, Patricia Holman, Susan Boutilier, Sandy Moser, Robert Moser, John Wood, Linda MacInnis, Wayne MacInnis, Sue Levy, Wanda Purcell, Warren Parsons, Myrene Keating-Owen, Gordon Holman, Tom McNair, Randall Holman, Ralph LeBlanc, Mark Fitton, George Child, Dawn Howe-Power, Anke and Siegfried Beichmanis, Charles R. Martin, Jr., Kay Boutilier, Brenda Dollery, Deanna Currie, Janet McKinnon, Cathy Farris, Anthony Farris.

Regrets: Katie Tait

Guests: Mike Bloomfield, Jackie Young Eastern Shore Tourism Association

1. Chair Tom McInnis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Agenda: It was moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by Tom McNair that the agenda be approved with the addition under New Business: CAM MHI Industries requested by Cathy Farris.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2010: It was moved by Myrene Keating Owen and seconded by Dawn Howe-Power to approve the minutes as circulated. Motion Carried.**
4. **Business Arising:** No business arising from minutes.
5. **Tourism Eastern Shore:** Guests: Mike Bloomfield and Jackie Young of Eastern Shore Tourism Association. Mike Bloomfield presented on the proposed concept of a Three Shores Tourism Marketing Association including Eastern Shore, Northumberland Shore and Fundy Shore. Mr. Bloomfield circulated a flyer highlighting the DMO (Destination Marketing Organization), the benefits of having Three Shores, current structure outlining what the Eastern Shore and HRM AESTA are currently doing and outlining concerns regarding future of VICs particularly in rural areas. Tom thanked Mr. Bloomfield for his presentation stating that the Chamber would be in touch. Chamber members felt they could not make a decision to adopt the Three Shores proposal based on the information they had. This will be followed up and tabled at a future meeting.
6. **Committee Newsflash:**
 - **Art Society:** Sandy Moser reported there is an exhibit and sale booked at the Lions Centre for the 3rd week in August. Vendor spots are available; forms can be picked up at the Library. Sandy encouraged everyone to check out the website.
 - **Economic Development:** A meeting is scheduled with the three levels of government on Friday, June 11th in the Hospital Boardroom.
 - **Education Committee:** Refer to Multi Purpose Facility.
 - **Friends of Taylors Head:** Warren reported that improvements planned this year will include some upgrades to trails and boardwalk, clearer signage and improved handicap access. Warren encouraged everyone to visit the website at <http://taylorhead.wordpress.com>.
 - **Watershed Committee:** Warren reported that part of the visioning plan was to have the watershed survey completed next year with HRM funding. The group is still looking for any historical information.
 - **Fundraising Committee:** Brenda McInnis reported that John and Carol Makinson donated a digital electric organ worth about \$5,000. This will be posted on Kijiji. or if not through this route, will raffle tickets on the organ, a piece of exercise equipment donated by the Makinson's for the silent auction as well there is a painting and sculpture that could be included. Brenda also reminded the group this was the last night to purchase a Chamber membership.
 - **Heritage Society:** John Wood reported the AGM Heritage Society is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 8th at the Hospital. John reiterated that McPhee House is in need of repairs as per a recent building inspection. The operation of this house and museum is dependent upon

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donations half of which goes into the program. John encouraged members to attend meetings held monthly at the Hospital (*September meeting Sept 14, 2010 ESMH Multi Purpose Room*).

- **Main Street Project:** Wayne Malay reported the project is progressing with expected completion by middle of August.
 - **Multi Purpose Centre:** Robert Moser and George Child have had three meetings with the School Board, and most players are enthusiastic about the possibility of a multi purpose facility being tied into a new school. Would like to fast track this project because of deadline for stimulus spending. A tour will be arranged to tour such facilities.
 - **Port Committee:** Mark Fitton: The current contract expires in two years at which time we will have control over our port. We will need to establish best method of marketing this asset. If anyone has any ideas on what might work, they are encouraged to email Mark.
7. **President's Report:**
- Tom received response from Department of Transportation regarding the # 7 Highway. The parallel highway between Spry and Ship Harbour are not part of this year's plans. We will continue to lobby.
 - Multi Purpose Facility and School: Talks have been productive. Will need to obtain permission federally to spend the stimulus funding connected to the provincially funded school
 - Tom thanked Chamber members for their commitment to the building of the sidewalks.
 - Received a letter from Ron LeFrance regarding the 2016 Vision on Gaming Strategy for N.S. Chamber members are encouraged to visit website and offer their input. Submission deadline June 30th.
 - Summer Workers – six positions available running for 10 weeks beginning June 21.
 - Agenda Item: Office staff will be tabled again at September meeting.
8. **New Business:**
- 8.1. **CAM MHI Industries:** Cathy Farris asked if the Chamber was aware of a company moving into Sheet Harbour area that would be building buses. There is nothing concrete to report on this.
9. **Other:**
- **Bridge: Understand an environmental assessment was completed.**
 - **Boat East River:** Will investigate possibility of inviting owners and Department of Environment to a future meeting
10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, Wayne Malay moved for adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendie Russell,
Chamber Secretary