

Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs
March 7, 2012, 7:30 p.m., Lion's Centre

Present: John and Carol Makinson, Ron Russell, Tom McNair, Terry Rutledge, Gordon Holman, Arthur MacKenzie, Anke and Siegfried Beichmanis, Kay Boutilier, John Wood, Patricia Holman, Eugene Holman, Julia Myers, Antony Farris, Cathy Farris, Peter Myers, Jason Muis, Cora Moriarty, Natalie Connors, George Child, Anthony Turner, Jack Marshall, Norma McLeod, Terry McLeod, Sandy Moser, Warren Parsons, Harold Taylor, Tom McInnis, Wendie Russell

Minutes

1. Chair Tom McInnis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Tom thanked everyone for coming out.
2. **Agenda:** With the addition of fish farms, it was moved by **Tom McNair and seconded by Warren Parsons that the agenda be approved. Motion Carried.**
3. **Minutes of January 4, 2012:** It was moved by **Peter Myers and seconded by Gordie Holman that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.**
4. **Business Arising:** None
5. **Committee Newsflash Reports:**
 - Art Society: Sandy Moser reported that the Art Society placed 29 items in the replacement home. Sandy thanked all who donated. Norma's fundraiser raised \$500.00 minus the \$50.00 for framing. Sandy thanked everyone who supported this venture. Karen Wheaton won the picture.
 - Friends of Taylors Head: Warren Parsons reported the AGM is scheduled for March 31 in the multipurpose room at the Hospital beginning at 10 a.m. Warren invited Chamber members to check out the website for upcoming events. The park will open two weeks earlier this spring and closing will be extended by two weeks in the fall. New membership is needed.
 - Heritage Society: John Wood reported on the military display on display on the 2nd floor McPhee House. Heritage Society Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the MP Room, ESMH. Membership is also needed.
 - McPhee House: Cathy Farris reported applications have been made both federally/provincially for summer students. She is hoping for 8 students. Work will soon start on clean up around McPhee House in readiness for new season. Volunteers are needed.
 - SHAD Report: Report deferred as Wayne Malay is away.
 - Membership Renewal: There are a number of benefits available to being members of the Chamber of Commerce. George Child will be summarizing some of these things and circulating to membership.
6. **President's Report:** Concurrent with the School Board Capital Program 2 years ago, a school was approved for Sheet Harbour. We were 17th but with a number of persons presenting our case, we moved to # 2. The group presenting at that time: Chris Naugher, Robert Moser, Tanya

Malay, George Child and Tom McInnis. If everything had moved ahead as planned, the school would have opened in 2013. It has now been determined that we will need to move through this process on an annual basis, and therefore we need to present again on March 28th with a number of other schools. We are planning to conduct a feasibility study for a MP facility in conjunction with building a new school. We are moving ahead with the study, approximately \$50,000. The Superintendent of Schools is supportive of this plan. The construction of this school will mean consolidation of 4 schools into 1. There will be a decision regarding the port shortly. There was a call for expression of interest with 3 proposals received. There should be a number of opportunities for this port to participate in the Irving Shipyard contracts but the infrastructure needs to be in place. Although HRM closed the tourist bureau last year, Cathy and group operated an extremely successful tourist bureau at a cost of \$7,000. A meeting will be arranged with councillors asking for support to operate and to recoup our money. Tom couldn't attend official grand opening of new nursing home, however he has visited and congratulated Board and the staff for the work done to achieve this. It is a fantastic asset to the community.

7. Additional Items:

- Fish Farms: Sandy Moser announced an information session meeting for next Wednesday at 6:30 (14th) to answer questions on fish farms. The Eastern Shore Preservation Society is requesting a moratorium until more is understood and known about it.
- SNAP publications: Natalie Conners is working for SNAP publications. She comes with 15 years experience. Natalie wishes to promote this area.
- Dinner Theatre: not able to do as the troop is doing one in the Windsor area.
- Tank: committed to taking down but prior to this must do due diligence. Deconstruction will need to go to tender.
- Bridge Work or Replacement East River: Not sure where this is going. Existing bridge is safe.
- Cable TV: Tom wrote Eastlink and continues to work on this.

8. Adjournment: It was moved by Tom McNair to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendie Russell