

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
September 1, 2010

Present: Wayne Malay, Tom McInnis Brenda McInnis, John Makinson, Carol Makinson, Eugene Holman, Susan Boutilier, Sandy Moser, John Wood, Linda MacInnis, Wayne MacInnis, Gordon Holman, Tom McNair, Ralph LeBlanc, George Child, Dawn Howe-Power, Kay Boutilier, Antony Turner, George Giffin, Elwood (Daggie) Owen, Andrew Joyce Ruby Gammon, Julie Adamson Millar, Glen Boutilier, Sheila Martin, Jack Marshall, Meryl Atkinson, Merrill MacDonald, Art MacKenzie

Regrets: Cathy & Anthony Farris, Warren Parsons

1. Chair Tom McInnis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Tom asked for a minute of silence to honor Jean MacKenzie's passing. Tom indicated that the Executive Board Directors met with Jim Boudreau preceding this meeting and will continue to meet over variety of issues.
2. **Agenda:** Mosaic Art Project - Julie Adamson Millar was added under New Business. With that addition, **it was moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by George Child that the agenda be approved. Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2010: It was moved by Tom McNair and seconded by Helen Pinfield that the minutes of June 2, 2010 be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.**
4. **Business Arising:**
 - 4.1. Item 8.1 CAM MHI Industries: Nothing to report.
5. **Committee Newsflash:**
 - **Art Society:** Sandy Moser reported that the 5th Annual Exhibitors Show was a success. Vendors were pleased with their sales. The Society will approach other artists in the community who have previously exhibited or might be interested in participating in future shows.
 - **Friends of Taylors Head:** Sandy Moser reported for Wally Parsons. There have been a number of birding activities at Taylor's Head including photography sessions hosted by Sandy and Robert Moser. A family day is scheduled for September 5th. Sandy encouraged everyone to visit the Friends of Taylors Head website to view upcoming activities.
 - **Education Committee:** Tom reported that work is progressing. The Committee is working on a new school being built in conjunction with a Multi Purpose Facility. More updates will come.
 - **Fund Raising/Social Committee:** Tom reiterated it is imperative that we have volunteers to carry out fund raising events and to serve on the various committees. Currently the Chamber has a pipe organ, a bird sculpture and a painting to be used for fundraising. Ruby Gammon has agreed to chair a

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committee looking at this specific project. Dawn Howe-Howe Power, Helen Pinfield, Linda McInnis and Jack Marshall have agreed to sit on this committee.

- **Heritage Society:** John Wood reported the Museum will close for the season on September 17th. Museum hours are determined by VIC opening and closing. Data from the VIC indicate that tourism is up this year. The Museum's location in McPhee House is thought to be the reason for decreases in visits and donations. To date, the Society has not been successful in its attempt to relocate the Museum within the House. The Society has continued to meet over the summer months but have not been able to reach quorum. The Society continues to collect stories/genealogy. The next meeting of the Heritage Society is scheduled for September 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospital Multi Purpose room. The Society, like other committees, struggle with membership. John extended an invitation to all to attend the meeting.
 - **Main Street/Streetscape:** Wayne Malay reported that this project is progressing well. There have been a few delays but Wayne feels these have been overcome. We are now moving into the finishing touches i.e. light standards, blending driveways. etc. It has been too hot to pour the concrete this week but hopefully the weather will permit to resume early next week. Wayne is hopeful that the project will be completed by the end of September. The Chamber was disappointed to learn that the # 7 between the bridges did not make it to the Capital Roads Project List this year but is hopeful for next year. Wayne thanked everyone for their help. Members expressed concern about the road being left in this condition over the winter months and risks associated with doing so. Community can approach Jason Green, Project Manager regarding any pothole concerns. Jason is located in the old power commission office.
 - **Port Committee:** Report deferred.
6. **President's Report:** Tom applauded members on their commitment to the Chamber and its projects. These projects have demanded countless hours of volunteer time. Tom read a letter received from the office of Bill Estabrooks regarding paving of the # 7 from bridge to bridge. The Department commended the Chamber for its efforts but regretfully stated the project did not make the 2010/2011 Capital Works list. Although the Department indicated in its letter that they had previously committed to paving, they made no commitment to guarantee this work be done next year. The Chamber will continue to follow up with Mr. Boudreau and government agencies. Meantime the finishing touches will be put in place i.e. rest areas, benches, lights and benches. Also paving up to manholes will need to be completed to ensure curbs not damaged.
7. **New Business:**
- **Mosaic Project:** Julie Adamson Millar introduced the Mosaic Project she initially referenced in the spring at an earlier chamber meeting. This is a community art project with involvement of artists, students, elders and the

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community. These stones are made from local materials, are very durable, and require no maintenance. These stones may be portable or permanent. Julie has been meeting with project engineers and will continue to work with Wayne, HRM and project manager, Jason Green to ensure all criteria is met. This process will determine how best to anchor, and possible locations. The success of this project will determine the second project silk screening banners. Julie made available example stone work as well as a book illustrating same. Tom indicated the Chamber will support this project as part of the Art Society's work being done within the community.

- **McPhee House:** A new committee is being struck to look at a process of taking over McPhee House and the Visitor Information Centre. Membership: Ruby Gammon, Sandy Moser, Sarah Sheffield, Ralph LeBlanc, John Wood. Tom will call the first meeting. A contract will be needed to address maintenance/grounds keeping for both the McPhee House and sidewalks. Julie asked if the Art Park could be included in this contract. On another note, trees have been requested (about 100) to line the sidewalks and embankments. Amber Construction has been approached regarding planting these. A Beautification Committee was struck last spring headed by Norma McLeod. Members were to contact Norma re their interest or others who might be interested. Sandy Moser will follow up regarding painting the lighthouse sign.
8. **Other:**
- Gordie Holman expressed concern that brush has not been cleared along the ditches on the main road. A letter will be sent expressing concern.
 - Carol Makinson expressed disappointment that the Canadian Flag was not flown during Canada Day.
 - Wayne Malay will approach Amber regarding repair at sulfate site.
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, Jack Marshall moved for adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendie Russell,
Chamber Secretary