

**Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs**  
**Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.**  
**April 7, 2010**

**Present:** Tom McInnis, Jack Marshall, Gordie Holman, Terry Rutledge, Ralph LeBlanc, Helen Pinfield, Dawn Howe-Power, Tom Myers, Anke Beichmanis, Seigfried Beichmanis, Herb Zorychta, Norma McLeod, Terry McLeod, Wayne Malay, Warren Parsons, George Child, Myrene Keating-Owen, Susan Boutilier, Arthur MacKenzie, Kay Boutilier, Patricia Holman, Eugene Holman, Mark Fitton, Dagwood Owen, Linda MacInnis, George Giffin, John Wood, Marlene McInnis, Wanda Purcell, Brenda McInnis, June McInnis, Elwood Owen, Tom McNair, Herb Zorychta,

**Regrets:** Katie Tait

**Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Tom McInnis. Tom welcomed Thea Wilson-Hammond, Executive Director, Lake Charlotte Heritage and Darrelyn Hubley, Seaside Tourism.
2. **Agenda: It was moved by Dawn Howe-Power and seconded by Don MacDonald that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2010:** Hearing no errors or omissions, **it was moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by Terry Rutledge that the minutes of March 3, 2010 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.**
4. **Business Arising from Minutes:** No business arising from minutes of March 3, 2010.
5. **Presentation by Thea Wilson-Hammond and Darrelyn Hubley.** The intent of the presentation was to provide the Chamber with an overview on a cooperative venture that the Eastern Shore Heritage Network and the Seaside Tourism and Business Association have undertaken. They have identified various marketing opportunities along the Eastern Shore and would like to promote these opportunities through developing a stronger relationship between the Eastern Shore and Greater Halifax as they feel that Metro Halifax will provide the greatest tourism opportunity for this shore. They are concerned that the Eastern Shore will be lost, at the provincial level, with the soon to be formed amalgamation of Antigonish Eastern Shore, Pictou County and Central Nova Tourist Association. Rather than discuss in more detail at this meeting, Tom suggested that a meeting be called over the next few weeks of interested parties to discuss in greater detail. Ralph LeBlanc, Sandy Moser and Warren Parsons agreed to meet.
6. **Committee Newsflash:**
  - **Art Society:** Sandy Moser reported that a tentative date of May 6 has been set where artists will be showcasing their craft and the community is invited to attend. This event is meant to “show the artists working” and is not meant as a selling day. Notices are posted. Sandy is also circulating information on an Art Show scheduled for May 1 in which she is involved.
  - **Education Committee:** Tom informed members there is a special meeting in Halifax on April 21. Tom encouraged as many to attend as possible. For anyone interested in attending, Denise Logan has booked the Lions bus and will be departing Sheet Harbour at 4:45 p.m. Various components of the Chamber should be prepared to speak that night.
  - **Friends of Taylors Head Beach:** Warren Parsons reported there were 15 activities planned mostly bird watching. Activities will be posted on website. Park hours has

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been extended for the fall but there will be no early opening. We are just maintaining presently with low budget.

- **Watershed Committee:** Warren Parsons reported that the Terms of Reference will be on the website. If anyone has any issues or questions please ask committee members - Warren, Jack Marshall, Robert Moser, Sheila Martin and George Child. Currently looking for historical information on water, sewer, drainage, etc. If anyone has anything, please forward to Committee.
- **Fundraising/Social Committee:** The Spring Fling was a great success raising almost \$5,000 through the Silent Auction. Letters of appreciation have gone out to those who donated. Tickets will be sold on the organ donated by John and Carol Makinson with draw probably at Christmas.
- **Heritage Society:** John Wood reported that there was an inspection of the Heritage Building. The report should be forwarded to the Chamber within about 10 days.
- **Mainstreet/Streetscape:** Hopeful that construction will begin first of May. A questionnaire will be circulated to Residents affected by next week. The project should be completed mid August. Hopefully DoT will start paving in September with completion by October 1. A lease has been signed with the Power Commission for use of the old Credit Union Building.
- **Port Committee:** Don McDonald was not present, but Tom reported that we will have control of our dock within less than two years.

7. **President's Report:**

- Main Street is ongoing with funding in place. Stimulus money is available but not able to access up front; HRM will be front funding the project.
- **Highway 7:** Tom has written a letter to the Minister of Transportation restating our case for the proposed parallel road and 8 passing lanes identified earlier. Jim Boudreau and Peter MacKay have been copied. No response from DoT as yet.
- **Environment:** If anyone knows of a situation where people are dumping garbage, they are encouraged to come forward. Tom has written to the Minister of the Environment regarding this notably on the 374.
- **Sod turning:** Mark Fitton and Dawn Howe-Power are organizing a sod turning for sometime in May.
- **Quality of Life Building:** Currently we have two million available for this project. Tom has written HRM regarding this project but have not received acknowledgement. We must have a working contract by March 2011 in order to keep the funding. **President's Report:**

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Jack Marshall and George Child moved for adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendie Russell,  
Chamber Secretary