

**Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs**  
**Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.**  
**March 3, 2010**

**Present:** Tom McInnis, Wayne Malay, Antony Turner, George Child, Cathy Farris, Antony Farris, Gordon Holman, Jr., Deanna Currie, Arthur MacKenzie, Charles R. Martin, Jr., Judy Smiley, John Wood, Brenda McInnis, Anke Beichmanis, Seigfried Beichmanis, Dawn Howe-Power, Ralph LeBlanc, Gordie Holman, Beverly Frodin, Jim. Frodin, Irma Snyder, Helen Miller, Patricia Holman, Eugene Holman, Herb Zorychta, Jack MacDonald, June McInnis, Penny Farris, Mark Fitton, Don McDonald, Julie Adamson Miller, Kay Boutilier, Norma McLeod, Jack Marshall

**Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Tom McInnis.
2. **Agenda:** Tom asked the Chamber's permission to omit the Newsflash reports for this meeting as updates were provided both at the Town Council and Town Hall meetings. Agenda additions: letter from the Lake Charlotte Area, Wind Energy Project, and Provincial Budget. **It was moved by Dawn Howe-Power and seconded by Don MacDonald that the agenda be approved with these changes. Motion carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2010:** Hearing no errors or omissions, **it was moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by George Child that the minutes of January 6, 2010 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.**
4. **Business Arising from Minutes:** No business arising from minutes of January 6, 2010.
5. **Committee News Flash: Omitted. Tom reminded the group to encourage others to purchase tickets for the Spring Fling.**
6. **President's Report:** Tom reported that both the Town Hall and Council meetings were extremely positive meetings with 168 and 70 in attendance respectively. Both Steve Streach and Mayor Kelly commented on how impressed they are with the work being done, and having had this meeting will give them a better understanding of what the Chamber is accomplishing in Sheet Harbour. Tom extended his gratitude for those who attended these meetings. Tom reported that the Nova Scotia Power has leased us space for \$1.00 for our store front office (formerly the Heritage Building). Skip Conrad, who has been employed as project manager, comes with a 32-year knowledge base in this industry. Tom would like to see a sod turning event arranged for April and also a Grand Opening to mark completion of the project in the first or second week of August. Dawn Howe-Power has offered to chair this committee and anyone wishing to be apart of this, are encouraged to come forward. The Chamber would normally like to be working with high schools in promoting entrepreneurship but it is too late to do so this year. The Chamber continues to do excellent work having been recognized with an award a few years ago. Tom acknowledged Janice Malay's previous leadership in laying a solid foundation.

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**New Business:**

- 6.1. Tom read a letter from the Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Association written on behalf of the Eastern Shore Heritage Network requesting a meeting with the Chamber to discuss the possibility of strengthening relationships with HRM with the end result of developing Eastern Shore Heritage tourism. They have met with both the Seaside Tourism and Business Association and Destination Halifax. These were positive meetings with Destination Halifax agreeing that the Eastern Shore falls under its current mandate. They will be offered future dates of Chamber meetings.
  - 6.2. **Windstar:** Jim Frodin invited the community out to an information session being held on Saturday afternoon between 2 and 4 p.m. regarding the Windstar project. A group of experts will be on hand to answer technical questions.
  - 6.3. **Murals:** deferred until next meeting.
  - 6.4. **Summer Works:** applied for two positions; will use in conjunction with main street area. Applications being accepted through Job Search.
  - 6.5. **McPhee House:** Hope to see more activity this year.
  - 6.6. **Earth Day:** Norma McLeod would like to get communication out to promote Earth Day. Tom encouraged all to get together with their neighbours and to adopt a piece of highway.
  - 6.7. **Meeting with Finance Minister:** The Department of Finance has expressed interest in rescheduling meeting in Sheet Harbour. As timelines are very tight, they are offering Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent to membership to determine interest.
    - **Provincial Budget:** Tom opened up the floor for discussion on possible cost savings initiatives. The NS government has a 9 billion dollar budget with 68% going to health, education and community services. There were several suggestions put forward with all agreeing there is no easy or quick solution.
7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Dawn Howe-Power moved for adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendie Russell,  
Chamber Secretary