

**Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs
(CCA)**

December 7, 2013

In Attendance: Doug Stein, Ralph LeBlanc, Meryl Atkinson, Dawn Howe-Power, Eugene Holman, Patricia Holman, Gordon Holman, Clark Montague, Anthony Farris, Cathy Farris, Marilyn Munroe, Randall Holman, Mark Krause, Geof Hogg, Art MacKenzie, Brenda McInnis, Ruby Gammon, George Child

Regrets: Andy Wright, Wayne Malay

President Tom McInnis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 10:05.

2) Ralph LeBlanc moved to accept the meeting agenda seconded by Marilyn Munroe.

3) Re minutes from the Nov9, 2013 meeting- members did not receive these and some additions are necessary – to review at the Jan2014 mtg.

4) None this week.

5) Committee Reports:

Art Society- no report as Sandy Moser is away.

Finance Committee- Ralph reported the following balances

- SHADC \$2122.07
- C of C \$17,764.26

Heritage Society- no report

MacPhee House- Cathy Farris reported that NSPower has been over to put more lights on the tree and also gravel has been spread over the driveway/parking area.

Marina- nothing new at this time

Multi Purpose Facility- Tom will comment on this later in the meeting.

Port Committee- George Child reported that the next meeting is Dec13, 2013

SHADC- No Report

Taylor's Head Society- Warren Parsons reported that it's been a successful year. There were a few problems with cars being broken into. Warren

reminded not to leave valuables in the car. The park gates will close on Mon Dec8, 2013. The park is open longer than any other park in Nova Scotia. There is one last event for this year, a bird count, on December 16.

6) Additional Items

Nominating Committee

Brenda McInnis, Ruby Gammon, Marilyn Munroe, Dawn Howe- Power, George Child

Ralph LeBlanc moved to accept the nomination committee.

Brenda McInnis will call the first meeting, during which, a chair will be chosen.

Christmas Parade

Ruby Gammon asked for members to bring cookies to MacPhee House for the tree lighting tonight. The parade will start at 6:30. Large floats will start from the United Church hall, small floats along the side of the road and walkers in the Schooner Mall parking lot. The sound system for MacPhee House tree lighting has to be set up. Light exchange is on. George Child is looking after the fire. Cadet corp is marching in the parade.

President's Report

Christmas Reception

Wednesday Dec 18 @ 7:30 at the Lions Centre upstairs

Commented on the good work of committees

- meeting with Lloyd Hines,
- he has experience with obtaining new school with multi purpose facility
- David Hendsbee also has experience with this in Porters Lake
- Announcement of new school must happen asap. We have one year to plan what should be included in multi purpose facility once it is announced
- Tom spoke with RCMP officer, school liason officer. Youth need to have input into what to include. Tom will sit down with students to discuss.
- Must decide asap what should be included in multi purpose centre

Mayor Mike Savage, Councillor David Hendsbee and Speaker of the House of Assembly Kevin Murphy were in Sheet Harbour recently. They have asked us to help out Musquodoboit Harbour to get some things

started. The plan is for HRM to take ownership of the multi purpose facility once it is built.

Tom spoke with Lloyd Hines regarding the bridge being built. The need to complete the paving of Hwy 374 and the wharf road was also discussed.

The cost to the Chamber for MacPhee House was discussed with Mayor Mike Savage. A letter had been sent to all interested parties. Tom advised that the Chamber has spent \$26,000 on MacPhee House, \$13,000 in capital expenses for which the Chamber should be reimbursed by HRM, and \$13,000 in summer works, relating to summer students for the Visitor Centre.

Sheet Harbour area needs 2 or 3 large companies to get the economy growing.

Wildlife Club

Current owners are selling the property since they are no longer able to run it. Charles will be meeting with a couple of people from the Chamber to assess the condition of the property. Tom suggested a possible arms length relationship with the Chamber with a new executive set up to manage the club. The following 2 Chamber members have agreed to meet with Charles, Doug Stein and George Child, to go through the operation of the property, for example water, heating system as soon as possible. They will report back at the next Chamber meeting, Jan4, 2014.

Another alternative might be that HRM would purchase the site, run at arms length by the Chamber, which would be considered as a possible site for a marina. Cathy Farris has been looking into this. A marina for Sheet Harbour was included in the Ekistics plan.

Income from the site for 2012 to 2013 was \$5000. It's forecasted that it will be full next year. Dianne would like the Chamber to take over the booking of camp sites for next year.

Question from the floor- Meryl Atkinson

How much land is included in the property?

Currently, Northern Pulp owns the land across the street and may be willing to sell.

Main purpose is to grow the Wildlife Club back to what it used to be.

Building Canada Fund

Projects to be considered must be “shovel ready” by the end of 2014-2015. Work must be started right away in order to meet the “shovel ready” criteria.

There was some additional discussion on construction of the new East River Bridge and movement of the Canada Post postal boxes. Helen Pinfield also asked ownership of the land around the West River and park. Tom did send a letter to Natural Resources, which was to be posted at Elmhurst, to the new Minister of Natural Resources, requesting that the land by the river be kept clear.

Additional Items

Art Mackenzie mentioned the indoor swimming pool that use to be in Sheet Harbour. He also said that many seniors have complained to him about how far they have to go to get their mail. Boxes that were to be set up at the legion ,instead have been moved to Watt Section.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Next meeting at 10am Saturday Jan4, 2014

Respectfully Submitted

Janice Malay for Janice Christie