

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce and Civic Affairs

General Meeting

September 7, 2016

In attendance: Dawn Howe-Power, Meryl Atkinson, James Cameron, Richard Bell, Rebecca Atkinson, Candace MacKean, Marilyn Munroe, Sue Levy, Penny Farris, Judy Josey, Wanda Purcell, Anthony Farris, Wayne Malay, Cathy Farris, Anthony Turner, Doug Stein, Susan Boutilier, Trevor Gammon, Robert Moser, Larry Rutledge, Hughie Schofield, Donald Rutledge, Wendy MacKenzie, Amanda Fullerton, Maryse Belanger, Janis Rod, Mark Krause, Ed Empringham, Sandy Shaw, Mick Shaw

Regrets: Sandy Moser

President Robert Moser called the meeting together at 7:30 and welcomed all, Marilyn introduced our quest from Atlantic Gold Maryse Belanger and Janis Rod

Atlantic Gold Presentation: A PowerPoint presentation was adapted for the Chamber's viewing. They explained that Moose River is an open pit mine and is fully funded. They feel that the life of the project will be 8.5-9 years and at present they have 80 employees and hope to raise that to 300. All professional staff will be hired by January 2017. For more information, the presentation can be viewed at ATLANTICGOLDCORPORATION.COM

Agenda was approved by- Sue Myers-Levy

Minutes from June 1, 2016 were approved by- Wayne Malay

Business arising from the Minutes- None

Committee Reports:

***Taylor Head-** Brush was cut back from the road, lots of visitors and more road work to take place. For more info check out Friends of Taylor Head Provincial Park.

***Marina –** Cathy reported that the committee is still waiting for conformation to have the moorings put in the harbor. Mark and Anthony have everything prepared and just waiting for the go ahead. A meeting with Millbrook is scheduled for Sept 22 to discuss the possibility of entering into a partnership with them with the Marina project using their wharf located on Church Point Road. A draft of a business plan is being worked on and will be completed prior to the meeting on the 22nd.

***Sheet Harbour Port Authority-** Wayne reported that it looks good moving forward. They had a busy spring and summer. Stevedore hours were up as well as the tonnage.

***Business Liaison Committee** – Marilyn reported that two classes Microsoft and Social Media are both full. The classes run for ten weeks and will take place on Mondays. Other training will possibly take place in the spring.

***MacPhee House-** Cathy reported that 4-6 people got together for a cleanup on June 4th before the centre opened. Lots of work has been done on the house and the students kept the garbage at the Art Park taken care of during the summer, but already it is a mess. The students held three events over the summer and took part in World House and First Aid training. There were 291 visitors in June, 924 in July and 726 in August for a total of 1941 visitors. The Consignment shop was opened this summer in the old ice-cream shop and local crafts were on display for sale to visitors. Judy Hare donated a beautiful lace table cloth that tickets are being sold on, price \$2 each/3 for \$5 and this will be matched from Scotia Bank.

***STEP/Tourism-** In Sandy's absence, Robert reported that phase one has been completed, and the committee is going to apply for funding for phase two. The name has been changed and Sandy will give us an update in October.

Halifax Land By-Law Enforcement- Anthony explained that some changes were made to a twenty-year-old law that is affecting many new home construction projects. After some discussion it was decided that the Chamber would write a letter of support to the Musquodoboit Harbour's Chambers concern regarding this.

Bylaws update- Ed reported that we received the draft back and three changes needed to be made. 1- instead of 2/3 majority it should be ¾ majority of membership to change the bylaws, 2- no dissolution part to be added and 3- some wording in the financial section. Ed will take care of this. Once approved Directors voted to have a \$25.00 certified copy of the Chamber Bylaws.

New School/Enhancement/Lions Centre- Lions Centre will be closed for the winter for fear that the roof may not support heavy snow. A meeting with a good mixture of interested people will take place within a few weeks to try to find out the status of the new school. A Multipurpose Committee/Community Committee should be put together that is not seen as the Chamber driven, but a committee the Chamber will support.

Other Items- Wendy MacKenzie made a suggestion that the Chamber should have a presentation for John Wood for all the endless hours he spend with the Heritage Society. Wendy was asked to put together a proposal and present to the Chamber at the next meeting. They are still looking for a space to work from and reported that they received 2 free computers and may be getting more.

Robert reminded those in attendance of the Open House at the YMCA offices on Sept 8/16 from 11-1.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by Donald Rutledge and Susan Boutilier

Submitted by
Chamber Secretary
Dawn Howe-Power
September 26, 2016