



HOPE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING – APRIL 21, 2016

Members Present: Stephen Yeung, Lloyd Forman, Millie Marshall, Sharlene Harrison-Hinds, Isaiah Robinson, Ryan Mohle, Hank DeMeulder, Bob Erickson, Dennis Adamson

Meeting opening 7:38 pm

Agenda approved: Directors Ryan Mohle and Isaiah Robinson.

Meeting minutes from March ... to be approved next meeting

No delegations

Presidents Report

Stephen Yeung, Vice President Lloyd Forman and Director Isaiah Robinson met with Nestle Waters president and communications director. Discussed labour, water legislation by province, opportunities and problems in Hope. Follow-up of newspaper interview in Oregon, WA. Nestle is reported trying to build a facility. Nestle second biggest employer in Hope. President will obtain copy of the article from paper.

Last Saturday, met with MP, Mark Strahl who spoke of his concerns about the community. Spoke with Laurie Throness to promote through Chamber – Swim Club Society (competitive swimming club) with the help for Director Dennis Adamson, Fraser Valley Regional District.

Salmon BBQ August 20th, 2016 – President invited Laurie Throness, MLA to mark his calendar for the event. Mentioned exposure about BBQ across the province. Director Bob Erickson noted that BC is only province with a positive budget. Discussion of underwriting event possibilities down the road. Funding might be available to mitigate costs.

Throness said that 40% of his calls are from Hope. Lack of services are reason, stated Director Sharlene Harrison-Hinds.

OLD BUSINESS

Speaker Series – follow-up? Format of next event. TBD

Director Hank DeMeulder was asked if analysis of questionnaires has been completed. What are attendees' questions. Suggested quarterly newsletters be instituted – to inform people what we are doing. Newspaper does not reach enough people with facts. Comments on last article from Standard – Steven Truscott – salient facts were not reported. Point of view (Chamber), accurate facts need to be communicated.

Director Bob Erickson was asked about neutrality of Chamber. Other comments common.

Questions from comment forms to be tabulated, categorized, etc ... next step Admin. Asst. to make list of info on ticket stubs.

President Stephen Yeung mentioned Town Hall meeting a possibility.

Station House a topic of concern for community. Should be a topic for Ratepayers.

Laurie Throness portion of Speaker Series.

Consensus was third meeting was not as popular as first two.

Director Millie Marshall noted that speakers were appropriate for the theme of the Series. First two based on facts. Third one about possibilities.

Next move will be determined when data is analyzed.

Office to be shared for non-profits/businesses needing space for meetings, etc ... idea came from Economic Workshop. Benefits – can be tracked, provides service for very small fees. Director Ryan Mohle asked if Chamber Insurance covers office users.

President Stephen Yeung spoke about making office more appealing, i.e. redecorate.

Director Dennis Adamson spoke of recent experience in Qualicum Beach – an old train station 40 x 20 approx. transformed into drop-in office space. Commented that Tammy Shields mentioned that similar space may be rented out in Emil Anderson building.

President Stephen Yeung called for work crew to repaint, etc ... to make office more business-like. Directors will be called upon to organize.

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President asked what tasks administrative assistant be responsible for. Director Millie Marshall responded: Minutes.

Director Hank DeMeulder has policy for Chilliwack Chamber. Needs to be on disc.

File cabinets: Needs to be reviewed, organized.

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Treasurer/Director Hank DeMeulder provided update. Memberships will be pro-rated until the end of August. Start clean slate for all chamber members.

Update on Signage/Kiosk issue. (Sharlene)

Update on Salmon BBQ

Preliminary talks with Hope Search & Rescue. Director Ryan Mohle needs support for set-up, takedown. Need letter of intent. Boat, 2 or 3 tents; Arthur Green has tent. Chamber has tent for event. Tents and set-up on Saturday.

Director Sharlene Harrison-Hinds in process of updating forms (rules, application forms).

Website established. Called Thayer Williams. President Stephen Yeung thinks site should link up to fb page. Director Sharlene Harrison-Hinds to contact Shanon Fischer to get info on how access site.

Director Ryan Mohle to secure permits – special event, health dept., reserve date. Insurance. Asked if Chamber policy covers event? President Stephen Yeung to verify. 5 million liability for off-site events.

President Stephen Yeung asked if insurance connected to Lions (last year) available. He also asked if Financials for last year's event available?

Tents: CIBC? Envision? Other sources?

Event must be bonded with non-profit society to apply for funding.

Looking for volunteer groups to assist. Cadets not viable – Standing Down time of year according to Director Sharlene Harrison-Hinds.

Feelers out with S&R. First Thursday of the month, to meet with the Board of S&R. Letter of intent to be sent and planning to attend meeting. Deadline of May 31st for decision. Letter to them by Monday, after meeting. Any other groups in mind to volunteer/participate? Ratepayers has volunteered to be at tables.

S&R determined to be big, high profile hook.

Water from Nestle. To be sold by service group. TBD.

One table for money/tickets.

Major focus for now, permits, etc ... S&R involvement, prize donations.

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Security and Safety Fair; proposed date June 7th. Working with Jason Graff from BC PS. Date is flexible.

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Signage - Pending item. Chamber sign (when approaching town) HW 3 and 5. Sign obscured. Brigade Days wants to use. Where HWY 7 and 1 are is chamber sign. Director Dennis Adamson putting up new signs in Area B. American Creek.

ROUNDTABLE

Director Dennis Adamson meeting with Barrick Gold and Minister Watt. Looking for investors for conversion of mine land to partner. Malaysia, Vietnam, China, etc ... suggested meeting with Consulate General of China. Asian interest in buying resorts. Watt to write letter of support. Ski hill (in Area B). Director Adamson asked if Chamber help with the project (President Stephen Yeung) via letter of support.

Area B putting up signs, every electoral area. FVRD signs, Area designated.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion approved by Directors Sharlene Harrison-Hinds and Ryan Mohle.