

**Hope and District Chamber of Commerce  
Minutes  
May 16, 2013**

**In Attendance:**

Glen Ogren, President  
Tammy Shields, Vice President  
Pauline Cattrell, Secretary  
Elaine Lawton, Director  
Cathy Harry, Director, Kal Tire  
Scott Medlock, Director, Lordco  
Rudy Kehler, Director, The Simplify Co.  
Alison Harwood, Director, Boldfish Creative  
Tyler Mattheis, Advantage Hope  
John Fortoloczky, District of Hope  
Kathleen Alexis, Free Rein Associates  
Donna Bellingham, District of Hope  
Linda Winje, Community Futures

**“Our mission is to sustain and promote a positive business environment for our members within the District of Hope and surrounding areas by providing support, advocacy, education and networking opportunities”**

**Call to Order was made at 7:05 p.m.**

**Motion to accept Agenda was made by Scott, 2nd by Tammy. Carried.**

**Motion to accept the Minutes of last two meetings dated March 20th, 2013 and April 23, 2013 was made by Scott, 2nd by Cathy. Carried.**

**Motion to accept Financials was made by Rudy, 2nd by Cathy. Carried.**

Our special guest, Donna Bellingham from the District of Hope talked about the state of the derelict buildings around Hope and explained that turnover in staff was one of the main reasons why some files had been started and not completed. She explained the procedure which is quite complicated and that a voluntary compliance is the best way to proceed. She pointed out the advancements that had been made and was optimistic about the future.

**Old Business**

**An Evening with Trevor Linden**

The main reason for changing the date to October 24th was due to a food issue. The Legion hall seemed to be preferred over the high school where no liquor could be served.

**Motion to change the date of the Evening with Trevor Linden to October 24th, 2013 and the venue to the Legion was made by Rudy, 2nd by Scott. Carried.**

Mustangs Entertainment has been contacted and will be promoting the Trevor Linden event. A new budget will be forthcoming.

### **Hunter Creek Kiosk**

Discussion took place about the possibility of tendering this out. Tyler will forward a blank contract between Advantage Hope and the Hope Mountain Centre as an example of how it could be handled. Glen will talk to some of the directors to see if anybody is willing to take on this commitment.

### **Recent Business**

#### **All Candidates meeting**

No new director.

#### **Branding Contract and Expenditures**

Ali presented the meeting with documents outlining the contract and invoicing and payments for the Branding Committee which showed that the total expenses are \$8,354.45 so far. She stated that Phase 1 should be completed by the end of May.

### **New Business**

#### **BC Chamber Policies**

Glen commented on several of the BC Chamber three-year resolutions, specifically the updates to the Frazer River Flood Management program. He also talked about the Industrial Land Reserve in North Vancouver and the reason why this would not work in places like Hope.

#### **Sale of the "Welcome to Hope" sign on Highway 3**

Tyler stated he will continue to follow this up. Apparently the sign straddles the right of way and James ? will tell us if the Chamber can actually sell it as Glen thought it was not worth the Chamber spending any money on this project.

#### **Bart Zych, Kits Chamber**

He will be walking to Calgary starting in Hope on June 17 to benefit Children's Aid Foundation. The Board commented on the benefits of "media awareness" surrounding ventures such as this and Ali and Rudi plan to meet to share ideas on how this type of visitor could be welcomed in the future.

#### **Hope Visitor Centre**

The contract renewal for the Hope Visitor Centre is due at the end of June and Glen explained the benefits of the Chamber bidding for this. Currently there are four or five parties interested and Scott will make a resolution to Council to see if these could meet before the RFP.

#### **Canada Day/Strong Man**

Glen will get in touch with Laurie Throness to see if he will be coming to Hope on July 1st. The Strong Man competition will not be taking place.

#### **New Regular Meeting Space**

Tyler will check with Brian (?) to see if the Chamber will still be able to hold their regular monthly meeting at Advantage Hope in June. If not, a new meeting place will have to be found.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 9:05 p.m. by Tammy, 2nd by Ali.**