

Peachland Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting
Held Monday, Nov. 23, 2015 at 5:30 pm
at Peachland Historic Primary School

Directors Present Dave Collins, Darlene Hartford, Larry Guilbault, Rocky Rocksborough-Smith, Catherine Gnius, Peter Stapleton, Wolfgang Muhs

Administrative Staff Patrick Van Minsel, Executive Director

Regrets Shayn Moritz

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Collins, at 5:32 pm.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA Add *Storage Space* under New Business

ADOPTION OF THE AGENA **Moved** by Dave Collins to adopt the Agenda.
Second by Rocky Rocksborough-Smith **CARRIED**

AMMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES, Oct. 5, 2015 None

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES **Moved** by Dave Collins
To adopt the minutes of the Oct. 5, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting as presented.
Second by Larry Guilbault **CARRIED**

REPORTS

PRESIDENTS REPORT Presented by Dave Collins

The View is gathering questions to ask Councilors in their year-end review article; forward suggestions to Dave.

The Regional Chamber meeting will be Wednesday, November 25th. A follow-up report of important items will be emailed.

TOURISM REPORT The District of Peachland has requested community groups work together, through the District, to apply for the Canada 150 grant.

BAT EDUCATION & ECOLOGICAL PROTECTION SOCIETY Presented by Darlene Hartford; Report attached

BEEPs will make a presentation to Council on Tuesday, November 24th for an in kind contribution of labour towards the Bat House Interpretive Trail. BEEPS' trail project was discussed.

CHAMBER OPERATIONS REPORT Presented by Patrick Van Minsel; Report attached

AWARDS NIGHT 2015 190 guests attended the Awards Night. Peachland Rotary Club received a \$100.00 donation for bar service plus 7 complimentary dinners. The decision to not serve coffee was acceptable; presentations were made in 15 minutes rather than the 30 minutes as scheduled. Patrick thanked everyone for their contributions to the very successful evening. Patrick was congratulated by the Board on the success of the Awards Night.

PEACHLAND HEART OF CHRISTMAS

The Christmas promotion will be repeated this year due to the success of last year's event. Passports will be distributed December 4th. Twenty-five business participants are required. The View is responsible for securing advertisers.

TREASURERS REPORT

Presented by Patrick Van Minsel in the absence of the Treasurer; Report attached
The budget has been adjusted reflecting the year end change to December from February. A Review Report will be presented to Council 90 days after year end.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS

Moved by Rocky Rocksborough-Smith to accept all Reports as presented.

Second by Catharine Gnius

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM Oct. 5, 2015 BOARD MTG.

LONG TERM VISION

Patrick will meet with Cheryl Weibe to review the Chamber's, *Long-term Vision* for the Visitor Centre. The Chamber has 15 goals to meet over 3 years.

FEDERATED PAYMENTS

A registered letter was sent to Federated Payments releasing the Chamber from the rules of engagement. A request was made for Federated Payments to acknowledge receipt of the letter. There has been no reply, however, the receipt is posted on their website. The final day of the contract is January 11, 2016; the machine will not be used after that date. The Square has been set up for the Visitor Centre and Chamber on two different systems.

NEW BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS MARKET

A two week market proposal was presented to Peachland Farmers & Crafters vendors. Vendors have concerns regarding the number of hours and storage of product if they cannot be there every day. There is however, sufficient support for a Market, therefore, the number of days will be addressed.

Discussion ensued regarding Christmas events.

- o Christmas Market could be incorporated into Light-up
- o The Board supports a European Christmas Market
- o Dogwood Nursery has a 2 day market annually with 25 vendors

VISITOR CENTRE STAFF

The Director of Tourism Services will have a second surgery on December 1st. An anticipated back to work date is unknown. She is officially not on the Chamber payroll for insurance purposes. Borana Bach is working week days in the VC at this time and Jesse Joseph will continue Saturdays. Staffing will be reviewed at the February Board meeting.

STORAGE SPACE

Cheryl Wiebe and Peachland Fire Dept. officials have approved closed metal cabinets be installed in the hallway near the kitchen, for additional storage. Peachland Community Arts Council uses this entrance for some events and voiced concerns regarding the cabinets. It is suggested they paint the cabinets to make them more visually appealing.

OTHER

Directors and their partners are invited to Beach Ave. Café on December 14th, 6:00 pm for a Christmas party.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, January 4, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rocky Rocksborough-Smith to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

CARRIED

After the business meeting Directors and spouse decorated the Visitor Centre for Christmas.

Certified Correct



President

Dated at Peachland, B.C.

This 18 day of Jan 2016
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