



Peachland Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting

Held Monday, May 25, 2015 at 7:30 pm
At Gasthaus on the Lake Restaurant

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

Administrative Staff Patrick Van Minsel, Executive Director and Loretta Robinson, Director of Tourism Services

CALL TO ORDER President, Dave Collins called the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Peachland Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:35 pm.

WELCOMING REMARKS Dave Collins welcomed everyone to the AGM and extended appreciation to The Gasthaus for an excellent dinner. Councilors Shierbeck, Thom and Vucinovic were introduced. Tom Dyas of West Kelowna Board of Trade was also introduced.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Moved by Catherine Gnius
To adopt the Agenda as presented.
Second by Trevor Neyedli

CARRIED

AMMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES, MAY 26, 2014 AGM None

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES Moved by Shayn Moritz
To accept the minutes of May 26, 2014, Annual General Meeting;
Second by Keith Thom

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None

**GUEST SPEAKER:
CORRIE GRIFFITHS, COEDC**

Corrie Griffiths of the Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission presented an overview of the regional economy.

- The main economic drivers include: Kelowna International Airport, UBCO, Okanagan College and Kelowna General Hospital.
- Growth population from Peachland to Lake Country was the fastest growth in B.C. and the 4th fastest in Canada.
- 2/3 of Peachland's labour force, commute 25 minutes daily.
- Future voids will be in Trades and Health Care

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dave Collins reviewed the accomplishments of Peachland Chamber of Commerce over the past year. Included was the 5 year vision for Peachland Chamber hosting the Visitor Centre, as presented to Mayor and Council (attached).

Moving forward in 2014-2015 the Chamber will:

- Execute the vision for Peachland Historic Primary School.
- Work closely with Peachland Community Arts Council.
- Launch a new Chamber website www.peachlandchamber.bc.ca which will include a Job Bank and Calendar.
- Promote BC Chamber Benefits; benefit opportunities were summarized.
- Advocacy at the local level: Will work with Council and District staff to promote business and tourism. Will budget for a year-round operation of the Visitor Centre, identifying what can be improved.
- Advocacy at the Regional level: Will sit on the COEDC and work with sister organizations such as Westside Board of Trade and other Chambers of Commerce. Will assist in formulating policy initiatives to be presented to the province. ie. Policy was passed today at the BC Chamber AGM for mandatory border crossing checks for the Zebra and Quadra Mussels. The video, "Mussel Threat" was presented outlining the negative impact of the Mussels on fisheries and lakes.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
REPORT**

The Executive Director Report is attached.

Patrick Van Minsel high-lighted events of 2014-2015 and outlined his duties as Chamber Executive Director.

Upcoming events include:

- Business After Hours, June 1st, Heartstone B&B
- Golf Tournament, September 13th, Summerland Golf Course, \$99.00 early bird fee
- Business Excellence Awards, November 14th, Peachland Community Centre

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report Attached.

The Financial Reports were emailed and presented. The following Statements, as of February 28, 2015 year end, were presented:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Members' Surplus
- Statement of Changes in Members' Surplus

The Fiscal year end will be changed to December 31st with the option of the AGM being changed to March of each year.

**DIRECTOR OF
TOURISM SERVICES
REPORT**

Report Attached.

Loretta Robinson, Director of Tourism Services presented the 2014-2015 Tourism Report outlining Key Initiatives, leveraged funding, Visitor Statistics and training opportunities. Changes in the Visitor Services Network Program were outlined.

The Annual report of Peachland Bats Education and Conservation Program (attached) was presented by Darlene Hartford outlining BC Bat Count 2014 statistics, conclusions of genetic analysis of bats in Peachland Historic Primary School, overview of Bat Chats and Go Batty in Peachland events. Future goals of the organization include the formation of a Bat Society.

Presentations were made to Visitor Centre volunteers for long-term dedication.

Moved by Doris Muhs

To accept Reports of the President, Executive Director, Financials and Tourism Services Director as presented.

Second by Vangie Neyedli

CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS
FROM THE
MEMBERSHIP**

None

QUESTION & ANSWER

None

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE
ACTIONS OF THE CURRENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Moved by Christina MacMaster

To accept the actions of the current Board of Directors.

Second by Graham Todd

CARRIED

Moved by Trevor Neyedli

To dissolve the current Board of Directors.

Second by Janice Hancharuk

CARRIED

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015-2016

Scrutineer: Tom Dyas

Moved by Tom Dyas

To open the Nomination Platform for 2015-2016 Peachland Chamber of Commerce Directors.

Second by Doris Muhs

CARRIED

Nomination Forms were presented. Current Directors wishing to leave their name stand include: Dave Collins, Peter Stapleton, Rocky Rocksborough-Smith, Darlene Hartford, Shayn Moritz, Wolfgang Muhs and Larry Guilbault.

Nominations requested from the floor.

Nick Berry nominated Catherine Gnius as Director. Catherine accepted the nomination and it was approved by the membership.

Nominations requested from the floor, twice.

Nominations requested from the floor, three times.

Nominations closed.

Moved by Borana Bach

To accept the names presented as Directors of the Peachland Chamber of Commerce 2015 – 2016.

Second by Janice Hancharuk

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Shayn Moritz

To nominate Dave Collins as President of Peachland Chamber of Commerce, 2015-2016.

Second by Rocky Rocksborough-Smith.

CARRIED

A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING CALLED

The newly elected Board of Directors will meet in the Conference Room of Peachland Historic Primary School in June.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trevor Neyedli

To adjourn the Peachland Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting at 8:45 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct

President

Dated at Peachland B.C. this _____ day of _____, 2016.