



Peachland Chamber of Commerce
Quarterly Membership Meeting
Held Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm
The Blind Angler Grill

CALL TO ORDER The February 29, 2016 Quarterly Membership meeting was called to order by President, Dave Collins, at 7:00 pm.

There is no quorum; therefore, there will be no motions.

OPENING REMARKS Dave Collins welcomed members and guests to the Quarterly Membership Meeting and thanked the Blind Angler Grill for hosting the event. The following guests were introduced: Councilor Mario Vucinovic, Councilor Keith Thom, Kevin Taylor, Planning and Economic Development Technician DOP, and guest presenter Tom Dyas, TD Benefits.

GUEST PRESENTER Tom Dyas presented an overview on the role and importance of BC Chamber. BC Chamber is the voice of business and, through direct input from all chambers, can develop provincial policy. Examples of policy development by BC Chamber include reform to the Property Transfer Tax and border inspection controls over the transfer of Zebra Mussels.

REPORTS

PRESIDENTS REPORT Presented by Dave Collins – attached

Dave Collins is a member of the Peachland Liaison Committee for the highway by-pass study. Dave will provide input on behalf of the Peachland Chamber of Commerce. This local study is part of the larger Kelowna Second Crossing Study. Chamber members will be updated on the progress of this committee.

The BC Chamber of Commerce AGM is May 28 – 30 at the Delta Grande Hotel in Kelowna. Two sessions included in the meeting are:

- a. To create policy for the province

One recommendation going forward is: Lobbying to encourage an increase in students participating in Young Drivers Training programs.

- b. To advocate for business

One recommendation going forward is: Advocating for Walk-in Clinics regarding a request for a Nurse on duty and changes pertaining to ICBC.

The Chamber of Commerce sign at Princeton Ave and Highway 97 (Doggy Beach) will be replaced with current information; funding is provided by Destination BC.

A new Supervisor has been hired for the Visitor Centre. Please welcome Joey Byatt when you are at the Chamber office or Visitor Centre.

The Peachland Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting will be May 2, 2016 at 91 Restaurant on Beach Avenue. Invitations will be emailed.

TREASURERS REPORT Presented by Wolfgang Muhs

Copies of the financials are available. The Accountant is in the process of Year-end at this time. A detailed report will be available at the completion of year-end.

Separate bookkeeping systems and bank accounts have been established for the Visitor Centre and Peachland Chamber of Commerce. The projection is the Visitor Centre will break even and the Chamber of Commerce will show some profit.

CHAMBER OPERATIONS REPORT

Presented by Patrick Van Minsel

The Business Excellence Awards 2015 was successful with 197 attendees. Sponsors were pleased with the event and most have confirmed their support for next year.

The Christmas campaign was successful. 4000 sales were generated by participating businesses in 8 weeks, comparable to 2920 sales in 2014 in 6 weeks. 33 businesses participated and the Food Bank was well supported.

The Pet, Wine and Business Expo will be on April 9, 2016. Only 50 booths are available; early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. There will be 6 guest speakers in the Pet section.

The next Business After Hours will be in May at The Heritage Retirement Home, a new member to Peachland Chamber of Commerce. Date TBA.

VISITOR CENTRE SUPERVISOR REPORT

Joey Byatt will begin at the Visitor Centre (VC) on March 1st. Visitor statistics at the VC have increased from 2014 stats. A 12% to 14% increase is projected this year.

REQUEST FOR NEW DIRECTORS

Four Directors have completed their two year term and may be stepping down at the Annual General Meeting. Please consider putting your name forward as a Chamber Director for May 2016 to April 2018.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

New Monaco was asked for a progress report. Applications have been submitted to the District of Peachland and preparations for construction are underway. They will report to Council in the Spring with the possibility of breaking ground this summer.

Boyce, of the Peachland View, is interested in pursuing the possibility of a Winter Carnival in Peachland. Please contact him with your ideas.

Jim Carpenter reported a Vintage Car Tour will visit Peachland Historic Primary School on Saturday, May 14, 2016 and Sunday, May 15, 2016 between 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm. There may be as many as 75 cars per day available for viewing.

Councillor Vucinovic requested a progress report on the Bat House Interpretive Trail.

Signage has been delayed due to the necessity of approval on copyright material and the process of collecting data from a variety of resources, then submitting written copy for final approval. A completion date is estimated in late April or early May.

Doris Muhs asked if everyone had purchased tickets for the Rubber Ducky Race or if anyone wished to be a sponsor. The race is on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Information was provided on the Winter Markets held in Peachland Visitor Centre the last Saturday of each month, January to April 2016. Participating vendors were very pleased with the success of the 1st Annual Old World Christmas Market, and registered for a series of winter markets. Due to the success of this program the markets will resume in October 2016 through to April 2017.

Rental opportunities are available in the Board Room of the Visitor Centre. There is limited commercial space for short term business services in Peachland. Contact Patrick Van Minsel regarding rental information.

The meeting was closed at 8:03 pm.

Certified Correct

President

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