

August 9, 2010, Council Meeting

Call to Order:

Kelly Foxtan called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. All directors were present except Rob Buckland-Nicks:

Duff Wilson, Kelly Foxtan, Simone Wilson, Jane Kingston, Larry Know, Flora Doehler, Peter Tomlin, Jon Welch, Don Rice, Noreen Millar, Erin Schopfer, Rick Jacques

Reading of past council meeting minutes.

Business Arising

Kelly will write a letter to the Legion regarding the 4-way split of Farmer's Market funds.

Correspondence:

Worker's Compensation Board. We have a small credit of \$9.82

Co-operators Insurance: as of September insurance will be dropping from \$117.94 a month to \$39.45

ICC Business for Peace Award. As the deadline for this year's award is fast approaching we will keep Bear River businesses in mind for 2011.

Don Rice passed on Green Lantern Plans dated June 1989. These have been passed on to the Waterfront and Greenspace Committee to review.

Treasurer's Report

Larry moves that we pay Oakdene for two months' rent, for a total of \$300.00

Peter Tomlin seconds.

No contrary minded

Peace Garden:

Jane and Joan will be at the garden on Sunday. Other volunteers welcome.

Oakdene grounds are looking much improved!

The wheelbarrow, lawnmower and 2 rakes are now housed at the Rebekah. Please contact Jon or Erin if you would like to use them.

Discussion ensued about the importance of a shed at the waterfront for maintenance. All agreed that it is of utmost importance but will need to be addressed with the municipality as part of a larger waterfront maintenance picture.

Bear River Plastics looking to purchase a bucket truck and would like to make it available to the community as a possible storage space for tools and a generator.

Public Relations Committee:

More Bear River Brochures will be ordered.

Website: Flora is in discussion with the new Historical Society about a website that will be linked to the BOT site. The Rusted Bucket and Gas Station have been added to the business page.

Rick makes a motion that we reinstate our sponsorship of the Tributary for a total of \$60. Flora seconds.

No contrary minded.

Waterfront:

Water at the former windmill site is still on but it is very poor quality; the concern is that people are using it to water their dogs and possibly drinking from it. Operations Committee received unanimous approval to turn it off.

The Historical Society requests BOT liaisons.

Rick makes a motion that Jon and Peter become the new Historical Society liaisons.

Flora seconds.

No contrary minded

Jane will take this information to the Historical Society meeting on Wednesday Aug 11.

List of Surplus, Used Items Inventory

Discussion ensued over possible ways of offering this inventory up for sale. Rick will prepare a print-ready Tributary advertisement that has an abbreviated list of items, a contact number and link to our website. The ad will state that we are open to lot sum offers. The advertisement will be passed onto the Tributary staff with the request that it be printed as soon as possible.

There are many artifacts that were removed from the windmill that need to be removed from upstairs in BREDS.

Flora makes motion that the artifacts from the old VIC be donated to the Historical Society, with the request that they provide the new VIC with a rotating historical display.

Noreen Millar seconds

No contrary minded

Duff requests that we create a Who we Are Now exhibit in the new VIC using some of the photographs from the old VIC. Simone and Noreen will sort through these artifacts prior to sending them to the Historical Society and create an appropriate display.

Don a requested that there be a change in how our general meetings are held. All questions should be directed to the chair and answered by the chair. If she needs more information she will then appoint someone from the floor.

Don also had a concern about emails and wanted confirmation that no one other than the 12 directors has access to these email addresses. Confirmation was received.

Larry asked that we practice this order of conduct in our council meetings as well to try and shorten the length of meetings.

The Operations Committee (Simone and Noreen) will talk to the Oakdene about a lease. They will also discuss rental options for keeping the room over the winter. Rick confirmed that we can afford to pay \$150 a month for the winter. Don reminded all directors that the rent we are currently paying is much lower than what other tenants are paying and we need to confirm with Oakdene executive that they are comfortable with us continuing to pay this rate over the winter months as well.

Noreen asked what we should do with the time capsule.
Don moves that we give time capsule to the Historical Society.
Noreen seconds
All in favour except Jane who is ambivalent

VIC report:

July saw 1,086 visitors. This is down by 18 people from 2009.

Executive will meet and compile the data from Community Strategy meeting.

Jane would like to motion that we have 24 hours in advance for any emergency meetings and that courtesy be given to those who aren't on email in the form of a phone call.

Larry reminded directors that in our by-laws it states that meetings must be advertised 2 days in advance.

Kelly agreed that calling emergency meetings is not ideal but that sometimes this needs to happen. However, there has been and will always be at least one director other than the president at any emergency meeting and a full report of the meeting will always be given.

Fall for Bear River is looking for sponsors.

Larry suggests that we wait to hear what concrete financial needs there are before offering a financial sponsorship. All directors were in agreeance.

Rick reminded organizers and participants that it will be best to get info out to other provincial VICs before the September long weekend, after which many are closed.

By-law Committee:

Don will start reviewing the by-laws in September.

Jane will cover secretarial duties for general meeting held August 16 as Erin will be absent.

Meeting adjourned
Next meeting September 13, 2010.