

## **Board of Trade Council Meeting Minutes Monday, November 8, 2010**

### Attendees:

Don Rice, Kelly Foxton, Duff Wilson, Rob Buckland-Nicks, Jane Kingston, Pete Tomlin, Jon Welch

### Regrets:

Erin Schopfer, Simone Wilson, Rick Jacques, Noreen Miller, Flora Doehler, Larry Knox

Meeting commenced with the eating of sticky chocolate cupcakes, sipping of earl grey tea, and the circulation of Rick's Treasurers report.

Brief discussion on by-laws took place.

- Don informed the group that the by-laws were typed. Don and Pete will get together to go over the by-laws, then will take any suggestions for adjustments to the Board for approval. Once approved, by-laws will be registered.
- Duff suggested we insert a clause in the by-laws that states all new members are to read and understand the by-laws, and sign an agreement to that effect.
- Kelly will email Don the "Code of Conduct" form she prepared in February.

Very brief discussion on the AGM took place.

- It was suggested that we hold the AGM in March after the weather breaks
- it was also suggested that we include the reading of our job descriptions and the new member contract in the AGM presentation.

Brief discussion on Winter Carnival took place; primary focus of conversation was on the liability concerns of the sledding hill

- the owners of "Sledding Hill" (Don's old place on Riverview) have offered their property for Winter Carnival sledding activities
- Jane will look into liability coverage for sliding on non-Board of Trade owned land and get back to us.

### **Waterfront & Greenspace Report:**

- 1) Plans are underway to reclaim and fill in the Municipal land (formerly the Irving property) beside Cherry Brook grocery store so that it can be used as a parking lot/festival and event vendor space.

The Committee explained that the development of this space is a relatively small and affordable project, but the location is very high profile and will greatly enhance the visitor experience and first impressions of Bear River.

It was determined that the project could be completed for under \$10,000. Proposed project completion date is March 2011.

Permission from the Municipality of Digby to improve the space has been acquired and logistical concerns addressed. Additional plans and ideas for details including fill materials, gravel acquisition, in-kind contributions, funding, local business buy-in, reduction of "riff raff" usage of lot and landscaping were discussed.

Kelly will be meeting with DATA and ADEDA tomorrow to discuss recent grant funding that includes Bear River.