

Kensington and Area Chamber of Commerce

2018 AGM Luncheon Minutes, year ending 2017

Wednesday, January 24th, 2017

Call to Order: President Rosalie Profitt welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:04pm and noted we had quorum. She invited everyone to get their lunch. President Profitt officially called the meeting to order at 12:20pm. She welcomed Mayor Rowan Caseley, MLA Matthew MacKay and gave regrets from the Honourable Wayne Easter.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Rona Bellefontaine, seconded by Patricia Bennett to accept the agenda, motion carried.

Greetings from Province of Prince Edward Island: MLA Matthew MacKay brought greetings from the province. He thanked Rosalie for doing a great job as President. Mr. MacKay welcomed James Aylward, Hannah Bell, Mayor Caseley and all town councillors present. He also thanked Nicole for her work with the Chamber. Mr. MacKay noted that tourism is doing well in the area as is business. He indicated that rural areas are struggling across the Island, however Kensington is thriving and doing well.

Greetings from Town of Kensington: His Worship Mayor Rowan Caseley brought greetings from the Town and welcome President Profitt, James Aylward, Matthew MacKay and Hannah Bell. Mayor Caseley noted that the Chamber had a successful year thanks to the Board, President Profitt and Nicole.

Approval of 2017 Minutes: No corrections. Moved by Candace Champion to accept, seconded by Petrina Mellish, motion carried.

Business Arising from 2017 Minutes: None.

President's Report: Rosalie Profitt delivered her report. She noted that it was another successful year for the Chamber and discussed plans to be more involved with tourism. Remarks attached. Report moved by Rosalie to accept, seconded by John Davison and Dianne Schurman.

Account Reviewer's Report: Gordon Coffin presented the Account Reviewer's Report and noted that is all was in good order and that the statements were clear and well done. He had no concerns. Moved by Gordon Coffin to accept the report, seconded Patricia Bennett, motion carried.

Financial Report 2017: Treasurer Travis Bertram presented the Financial Reports for 2017. He noted that the Chamber's cash position is slightly done, but is offset by the accounts payable. He noted that we had some deferred revenue from members paying their 2018 memberships in the fall. On the income statement, Mr. Bertram noted that memberships are up and that all events did well. In terms of expenses, he noted that most as fixed aside from event expenses, which were just about on par with 2016. Mr. Bertram then delivered the proposed budget for 2018. The Chamber has a projected income of just over \$1000 for the year. Reports are attached.

Moved by Travis Bertram to accept the financial statements, seconded by Coreen Pickering, so moved.

Membership and Events Coordinator Report: Nicole Mountain presented the Membership and Events Coordinator Report. Remarks attached.

New Business

Nominating Committee Report: Rosalie Profitt reported on the results from the nominating committee. Report attached. Moved by Rosalie Profitt to accept the report, seconded by Candace Champion, motion carried.

Approval & Introduction of Directors: Rosalie Profitt announced the list of directors confirmed for 2017.

Swearing Oath of Incoming Officers: Mayor Rowan Caseley conducted the oath to swear in Secretary Petrina Mellish.

Bylaw Review: Bylaw committee chair Travis Bertram the report. He noted that the bylaws have not be changed since 1990. Most of the changes are to make things more modern. The biggest change was to change the quorum for the Board to be half of the members present as opposed to 5 total. Moved by Rodney, seconded by Dianne to accept the bylaws.

Adjournment: Rosalie Profitt thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 12:54pm.

APPENDIX A: PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

As President, I am pleased to welcome everyone here today. I am happy to report that Kensington Chamber of Commerce had another successful year.

Since early days, the Kensington Chamber has grown and evolved to become a prominent voice for the community and surrounding areas. We do this by networking opportunities, events, and business development and by helping educate our members to have a healthy, and sustainable business environment.

One of our objectives is to increase open communication and to find new ways to increase awareness of grants or funding available from Provincial and Federal governments to help benefit all members. We are working on getting more involved in the tourism sector. One the areas we are considering is the Strategic Tourism Enhancement Program (STEP).

Communities such as Georgetown, Souris, Tignish and Borden have all benefit from this program. Let's see if Kensington and surrounding communities can come together with goals to show visitors and Islanders that Kensington and area have many benefits to the Tourism economic growth while helping businesses grow financially. Nicole will update you more on this when she gives her report.

Thank you to outgoing board members Skip Beairsto, Jordan Ellis and Ken Clark for your service to the Chamber. To the board members and to the new board members for 2018, I welcome your ideas and appreciate any input you can give to help benefit the Chamber and our members.

I would like to thank our members, old and new. You work hard for your business and community and meet many challenges every day. Remember the chamber is here to support you.

To our sponsors and media partners we appreciated your support and say a big THANK YOU!

Lastly, Nicole Mountain our Membership and Events Coordinator, you're a great asset to the Chamber members and board. You bring leadership and strong partnership with our members in the Kensington and Area community. You have a great passion and dedication to each project your involved in, which helps everyone succeed. Thanks for keeping me organized and updated on community events.

In closing I thank you all for coming out today. I would also like to thank the Murray Christian Centre for the venue and Family and Friends Restaurant for providing our lunch.

On behalf of the board and myself, we look forward to 2018 growing the prosperity of our membership and the business community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosalie Profitt