

Bonavista and Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes – March 22, 2017

Present: John Norman, Albert Johnson, Linda Hogan, Gina Little, Sonja Mills, Corina Ryder, Johanna Ryan-Guy, Renee Paul

Corina/Linda: Move the agenda be adopted.

Previous minutes not available at this time.

Correspondence and Action Items

- Received a call from Justin Campbell with the Association for New Canadians; he would like to meet with John and Renee (and town representative) to discuss the possibility of having a roundtable discussion in Bonavista, regarding immigrants and refugees (new Canadians).
- Chris Sheppard provided the menu for the AGM.

New Business

A. Municipal Engagement Meeting Update:

- Had a great turnout with 21 attendees, 6 out of 7 municipalities were represented. John and Linda did introduction.
- Many were not aware of what we've been up to.
- 2 key issues: 1. Highways – improvements and winter clearing. Board need to develop some sort of relation with Transportation & Works. Renee will try to set up meeting. 2. Helping Trinity Bay North with redevelopment of former OCI plant. John has been corresponding with Shelley Blackmore. John is preparing a letter of support as they will be meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

B. AGM:

- Date is set for April 18 at the College of the North Atlantic, Bonavista Campus.
- The Harris Centre will be sending 2 key-note speakers. Will ask MHA King if he would like to bring greetings.
- Menu looks good.

- Will ask Crystal Fudge to design the invitations and order through Vistaprint. Need to have in the mail by next Friday. RSVP by the 7th. \$50 per seat.

C. ACOA Proposal:

- Proposal is being reviewed. 75 % of funding will be ACOA, 15 % BTCRD and 10% Chamber. Expect an update by April 07th.

D. Tourism Subcommittee:

- Subcommittee has had a few recent meetings. Most of those went to recent event with Legendary Coasts and spoke with ACOA regarding tourism pilot project for this region. Seems very receptive. Should know more soon.

E. Other:

- *i.* YMCA Partnership; Chelsey Paterson has resigned – YMCA partnership with BACC may dissolve. If so, Chelsey Paterson will become our business consultant under our new proposal with ACOA.
- *ii.* BACC executive terms are all up. Need to send an email to board members to see if they are still interested.

Next meeting: To be Announced