

South Bruce Community Business Association Dec. 12, 7 am, @ Harley's

Adam welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those present were Elaine Fischer, Kathy Evans, Adam Ireland, Les Nichols, Shirley Kuntz, Mark Goetz, Dale Loughheed and Nic Wise.

Approval of the Minutes from Nov. meeting—Motion by Elaine to accept the minutes as circulated and read, seconded by Kathy, all in favour.

Treasurers' report—Elaine no change

Membership report—Kathy- nothing new, mailing of membership in Jan. going to need more envelopes. Next meeting will be stuffing the envelopes, Adam has to have a letter ready. Check out for new names, new member perks (for a business that isn't a member now. Letter existing members – invoices send email . Send letter to potential members.

Municipal report—Mark- A replacement for Diane has been hired- announcement at next council meeting, We should have a list ready to use this person. Lost another \$300,000 UMP funding from the gov't.

Have passed a motion to move ahead with development land , entrance off hwy 4 and storm system, cost of land??, Get a sign on it than – 1st phase.

Elaine to email out a questionnaire from NWMO to membership.

Teeswater Creamery – starting construction. Mapping in process (started)

Tourism report.- Snowmobile trail sign approved- Tourism okay with putting in there share for signage. Darren Holm to make the signs. Staggering areas to be dealt with yet-Adam and Gary Pike and get municipality on board. Some public relations- watch wording- money being dumped back into community – signs to keep snowmobiles on track STILL NEED SNOW TO MAKE THINGS GO. The groomer was out last night (Dec. 20) on the trail. Seen on way to Chepstow last night. Adam to put a letter in Teeswater Newsletter and Town Crier letting them know just how things are going for this group of volunteers.

Tourism—Teeswater horse barns—trail out back end. Kinsmen camping – water, weekend camping with horse trails, need to build trails (Mildmay and Teeswater Horse clubs, could use high school children for volunteers also. In winter snowmobile trails for machines with tracts on (ATV's with tracts also. Another way to use them.

Old Business: a. Commercial land in South Bruce Jeff goes to Walkerton to planning board on Thursday to change boundary – wants to do 3 lots (blue area on map). We sent a letter of support, Would like support on Thursday morning at 9 a.m. in Walkerton. Has one objection. Water – big issue- If this goes ahead meeting in Jan. with municipality. Lots of land around Mildmay to develop – owners sitting and waiting for the future.

b. Meeting with Stellina Williams and Kara Van Myall has been postponed—meeting with South Bruce Council, we would like a separate meeting so we can ask questions or meet with them before they go in council. Sometime in new year. (find out through Leanne) Have a special meeting and invite Chamber etc. Adam to discuss with Leanne. Since this meeting Leanne has sent the following letter for everyone.

Join Us to learn what the County of Bruce Economic Development department is up to! On January 10th, 2017 as part of the regular Municipality of South Bruce Council meeting the County of Bruce Economic Development Department will be providing an update on their programs and services. We invite you to attend the meeting and learn what the County of Bruce is up to, and discover how one of their programs can help you . Following the County's presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

All Council meetings are open to the public so feel free to let others know. Jan. 10, 2017 at 7:00 at Municipal office on Gordon St. Teeswater. Look forward to see you there! Leanne Martin.

New Business a.) Teeney Tiny Southwest Summit report—Shirley reported how they talked about how towns have developed over the years, how they advertise there new adventures in Destinations and Discoveries (Petrolina) was the example shown. I gathered papers for Leanne and Mary for SBCBA. Good learning day. Tourism has paid for the registration and mileage for Mary and Shirley to attend.

b.) South Bruce Infrastructure list for Bruce Power list of Industrial building / warehouses/ office space/ Vacant commercial buildings. List to be sent out by Elaine to members. Contractors to use these buildings etc. Bruce Packers building has been bought up and started to remodel now.

c.) Letter of support requested for Bruce Power: I am sending this email on behalf of Bruce Power , in my role as Business Investment Specialist for Bruce Power and the County of Bruce.

As you may be aware, the Ontario Government is currently reviewing the long Term Energy Plan (LTEP) and as you know, this is an important policy discussion for Bruce Power given the role we play in the Province. While we believe we have an important role to play with our many attributes and recent agreement signed (in addition to our very low price point) it's important that people and organizations participate in this process so decision makers can get a complete view.

There is an opportunity for our stakeholders to make a submission in this process, in the form of a letter to the Minister of Energy, and this would be very helpful given the work we do together in so many areas.

To assist you in preparing a letter, the following is attached: 1. Instructions about where letters can be sent. (the deadline for the written submissions is Dec. 15th.) 2. A guide of background information about Bruce Power.

Please let me know if you require assistance. Thank you Stellina

Adam made a motion- SBCBA drafts a letter to Minister of Energy showing our support for nuclear power and continued support for Bruce Power. Les made a motion to accept this motion and Kathy seconded it, all in favour.

NWMO discussion Andy brought up about municipality to shift gears , get some grassroots support and educate the population but go slow, business groups to support the process, public support. Bore hole drilling has been announced now. Municipality of South Bruce Council is in full support, remember elections in 2 years coming up.

It was discussed that maybe Jim Gowland could give a open presentation to all members at the Feb. annual meeting. This would have to be approved by NWMO first before we could go ahead with this idea. Date of that meeting would be Feb. 16 in Formosa. Book hall through Sherryl Wilson @ 519-367-3234 Cell 519- 901-0013

Next meeting Jan. 9, 2017 at 7am at Buddsteel to stuff envelopes.

Everyone to check out the calendar on the website.

Nic fed everyone a buffet style breakfast . Dale made a motion for Elaine to write a cheque to Nic for breakfast. Seconded by Les all in favour. Thanks again Nic for the wonderful breakfast.

Kathy adjourned the meeting.

Merry Christmas to all and the best in 2017

Shirley