



South Bruce Community & Business Association

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South Bruce Community & Business Association – 4 December 2017 Council Meeting 6:45 AM

Christmas Breakfast Meeting at Harley's Pub and Perk Mildmay where we were served a most delicious breakfast! Thank you Nik! Attending were: Adam, Nik, Richard, Dale, Elaine, Dave, Peter, Les, Jim, Rhonda, Shirley, Mark, Leanne and Kathy.

Adam opened the meeting, welcoming everyone.

The minutes from the November meeting was approved by Jim and seconded by Les.

Elaine gave the treasurer's report. No Change. Adam suggested the books should be audited. Jim said he would enquire to see if Judy would do that for us.

Membership Report: Studio 410 added to the members with a free year. Discussion about becoming members of the Chamber of Commerce in Mildmay. The fee is normally 45. Benefits would be insurance and the better rates for debit machine. If each member paid an additional 10 dollars per membership they could benefit from the Chamber. Nik going to find out and possibly set up a meeting with the Chamber head for information session.

Municipal Report: Mark first congratulated Rhonda, the municipality approved her contract for another year! Talked about Official plan meetings, importance of feedback from community, funding from NMWO for community wellbeing. Site will be picked in the next five years. Jim said more meetings are required to enhance information. Mark noted that February will be the next community meeting. Adam suggested an advocacy group re: DGR in our community, promotion rather than information now. Mark suggested a sub group of people that would include people from chamber, business association and municipality. Dave wondered how to convince people? Jim said it was up to NMWO to convince people. As elections are coming up it's up to the community leaders to give recognition and they should make an electorate mandate to make decisions. Leanne, noted that municipality meetings give a sense of municipality feelings. Mark said that 90 percent of municipality have a say in the decision. Adam said an advocacy group would be a guiding force. Jim said the process is established, that the elected should move things from there, with dialogue. Leanne agreed that advocacy is good and this group is great to promote and share information. Dale said education is needed as 90 percent are not informed. Mark noted that neighboring communities will benefit from the project, it's huge. Adam said that South Bruce should be involved if not the community then as a sub community. Action is needed, move discussions to another table, including kitchen tables. Jim reiterated it's the biggest project this area will ever see, we have to have confidence in the system. Adam suggested to meet before the next meeting to discuss further, Adam, Dave and Jim to attend.

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Committee Reports:

- A) Agriculture: Les – attended AG 4.0 Agriculture conference. Nov 24, Meaford.
- B) Industry: Dave – 2nd Monday in January Training. Jan 1st – Mar 1st window. Commercial Liason Committee Discussion. Les suggested to include in Annual meeting. Feb 7th Meal for 6:30 at Formosa Hall.
- C) Main Street: Nik- Quilters map. Jean contacting.
- D) Tourism – No new report.
- E) Outreach – No new report

New Business:

Peter talked about doing a booklet directly from the current site, which wouldn't be too hard. There would basically be no set up charges as the work has already been done. The data base can be manipulated to make a directory in any number of formats. Adam would like to see Pete's idea at the next meeting.

Dale made a motion to pay Nik for the lovely breakfast. Dave seconded, all in favour.

Next meeting: Jan 8th at Buddsteel in Teeswater for 7 AM.

Kathy Adjourned. All in favour.

Signatures of Officers on Approval:

President/Vice President

Secretary

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