

Minutes of the Meeting
January 10, 2019

Opening & Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Susan Creelman who extended best wishes for the New Year!

Present

Mary Commo, Marla Taylor, Anna Nibby-Woods, Brennan Gillis, Geoff Gray, Don Hay, Darren Schriver, Jim McMorran

Regrets

No regrets were received,

1 **Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Moved by Jim McMorran, seconded by Jeff Gray, the minutes of the December 2018 meeting were accepted as circulated.

3. **Business Arising From the Minutes**

3.1 **ACOA**

Andrea Jackson from ACOA was present. A discussion followed on tourism..

3.2 **Bus Service**

Susan Creelman reported she had spoken with Graham Scott and reviewed the East Hants participation in this project.

4 **New Business**

4.1 **CAO**

Grant Cook is now the Acting CAO..

4.2 **Civic Building**

Work has started on the building. A fund raising project will begin shortly to support the work to be done.

4.3 **Hospitality Course**

Future Worx is putting on a 16 weeks Hospitality Course at Mastodon Ridge in February which will include a 2 week work period. Anyone interested may apply through Future Worx.

4.4 **Destination Marketing Meeting**

Mary Commo reported having attended a subject related meeting at which it was discussed for hotels and motels to have room levies. A brochure on tide times is to be developed and include advertising.

Susan Creelman mentioned she had met with Even Densmore and the future development plans about the Fish Shack area which include a wharf extended into the river.

5. **Member Reports.**

It was reported that the owner of Whistlers' Pub has passed away and the staff are operating the pub. There is also a change in the Focus Massage, Yoga shop.

- Brennan Gillis stated he is consulting on a survey about What a Unique Place the area is about;
- Geoff Gray asked about the Perry Lake Development project;
- Brian Harrison enquired about the data centre development;
- Mary Commo mentioned there will be a clean-up day in the spring.

6. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of The Business & Tourism Committee will be on Thursday, February 7, 2019, 9:00 am in the Town Council Chamber.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned in due and timely fashion by the Chair, Susan Creelman.

Susan Creelman
Chair

Jim McMorran
Secretary