

Town of Stewiacke
Business and Tourism Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of September 5th 2019

1. **Opening & Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Susan Creelman

 - 1.2 Present
Susan Creelman, Mary Commo, Anna Nibby-Woods, Natasha Head, Brian Harrison, Jeff Gray, , Don Hay, Dale Bogle (CAO) Andrea Jackson, Jim McMorran
 - 1.3 Regrets
Regrets were received from, Marla Taylor, Brennen Gillis, Darren Schriver
 - 1.4 Agenda
The agenda was accepted as circulated

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Moved by Darren Schriver, seconded by Mary Commo, the minutes of the April 2019 meeting were accepted

3. **Business Arising From the Minutes**
 - 3.1 VIC
Susan Creelman mentioned the possible opening to be in June located in the Gazebo structure at Mastodon Ridge.
 - 3.2 Tide Times Brochure
To be available soon . It will also have a map of Stewiacke showing the business locations in the town.
 - 3.3 Via Rail
On going.
 - 3.4 Strategic Plan
Susan Creelman stated the Future Worx course was going well
 - 3.5 Future Worx Course
Graduation from the course will take -place in June 2019

4. **New Business**
 - 4.1 Music Festival
Mary Commo reported having contacted Jeanette Robinson of the Stewiacke River Park Music program looking to have a performer from that Music Program perform at Dennis Park.
 - 4.2 Wharf Project
Susan Creelman reported that Mastodon Ridge is interested in this project. The potential for development of this project exists to showcase the town, parks, trails, etc. A discussion followed on a number of projects and other plans relating to the development along the river front, including a wharf and approaching the Wild Life Park.

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4.3 2018 Tourism Performance

Susan Creelman distributed a document showing the 2018 Tourism Performance in N.S.

4.4 Electric Car Charging Station

A discussion followed on the difference levels and ages of the charging stations and the fact that the station proposed for the Petro Canada facilities in Stewiacke is scheduled be in operation for June-July of this year.

4.5 Radio Podcasts

Radio Podcasts to be aired once a week promoting what the Town of Stewiacke has to offer. Dale the CAO stated he has been in contact with Scott Squires

5. **Member Reports**


- Marla Taylor mentioned that the B & B industry is slow this year as reported by the B & B Association;
- Jim McMorran mentioned that the CMHA-CEH Branch building in Truro is scheduled to open in July and will enhance the programs being offered and allow for additional programs as well;
- Brennen Gillis mentioned the Eastern Strait WREN is being dissolved. He spoke of the recent survey and the information from it. There were 300 plus respondents , 15% from Stewiacke with comments: Enjoy the country lifestyle; quick access to Truro, Dartmouth Crossing; access to parks nature trails, proximity to Halifax Dartmouth
- Darren Schriver commented on the developments at the Perry Lake Development.
- Brian Harrison mentioned the Credit Union in Upper Stewiacke is closing. PLUGSHARE.com is a website about information on electric charging stations.
- Mary Commo mentioned that Mastodon Ridge is interested in the music concerts in Dennis park and that she has a contact relating to this event.

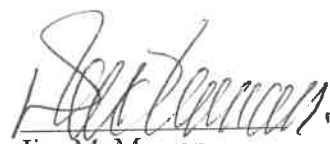
6. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of The Business & Tourism Committee will be on October 3rd , , 2019

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM by the Chair, Susan Creelman.


Susan Creelman
Chair


Jim McMorran
Secretary