



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: May 8th, 2024, at 6:00pm

Location: Chamber Boardroom

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

President

Ryan Lefebvre

Vice President

Joanne Roch

Directors

Raymond Cowell, Kelli Wispinski, Ashley Templeton, Spencer Ferguson,
Pam Leniuk , Bob Buckle, John Petch

Executive Director

Sherri Buckle

Secretary

Nicole Groulx

REGRETS

Sherine Leiper, Paul McWilliams

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – Call to order 6:02 pm

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA (2 MINS)

2.1 Minutes of April 10th, 2024 (Sent by email prior to board meeting)

2.2 Executive Director’s Report (Sent by email prior to board meeting)

2.3 Correspondence Folder

Motion: Ray motioned to consent agenda as presented. Second by John. All in favour. Carried.

3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA (5 MINS)

3.1 Additions to the Agenda

6.2 AB Business Awards of Distinction

6.3 CBC Interview

6.4 Lloyd Sadd Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Time Change

Motion: Joanne motioned to adopt agenda as amended. Second by Pam. All in favour. Carried.

4.0 LIASON REPORTS (30 MINS)

4.1 City of Cold Lake

- Discussion on the vagrancy issue within City limits.
- Removal of encampments
- Shelter is open, no date for the funding in place at this time
- Winter months has been the focus
- Arrests are being made, fines are being issued.
- Courts/justice still need work, not dealing with the issues.
- Discussion on if issues have been brought up to the Wing, as posting season those looking at homes are seeing the issues first had at home showings.

- Discussion on the busing system – might be time to bring in a fee/fair
- Council considering secondary suit policy incentive. Same kind of set up as the policy in place for multi units
- Smudging Bylaw now in place to allow smudging in City owned facilities under certain criteria
- City submitting Grant to host Drone Conference 2025-2026
- Sherri & Bob attended conference in Calgary previously.
- Discussion on the growth of drones in our area and the opportunities
- Regional Airport received grant. Planning stage to determine what is possible, plane size capability. Not CATSA at this point. This plan will let City know what needs to be done to move in that direction.

4.2 4 Wing Cold Lake

- Retired F-18 now has a new home at the Cold Lake Museum. Plane will move through town May 22
- Airshow VIP tickets sold out, RV camping has a few sites left
- Other accommodations in town are booking up

4.3 Cenovus – Regrets, sent update

4.4 Imperial - Regrets

4.5 MD of Bonnyville - Regrets

4.6 Portage College - Regrets

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS (10 MINS)

5.1 Economic and Community Development

- Update on the regional airport.
- Proposed that the Chamber write a letter of support to the city in regards to the secondary suit initiative. Media release that we support these programs and the City in their efforts to stabilize the rent. Process will be much slower than the previous initiative

Motion: Bob motioned that the Chamber prepare a letter of support/media release in regards to the Secondary suit initiative program. Second by Spencer. All in Favor. Carried.

5.2 Budget and Finance – Nothing to report at this time

5.3 Governmental Relations and Public Policy – nothing to report at this time

5.4 Events

- Provincial grant for Feast at the Beach will take till June/July
- Staff have been instructed to present to the grants committee for the City grant request. Will update next meeting

5.5 Bank RFP – In progress

- RFP sent out to all banks

5.6 Regional Membership Comparison – Tabled till next meeting

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Telus Broadband Capacity Issues

- A member reached out that is a new business in town and informed us that they are not able to get Telus services as Telus is at capacity on the broadband and not

taking any more clients till someone comes off. This presents issues for businesses growing in our area.

- Research showed a media release May 2022 to this affect.
- Sherri spoke with Daru as well
- Alberta HUB knew about this and didn't seem concerned with the effect on business.
- Will continue to source out information and update next meeting

6.2 AB Business Awards of Distinction

- Elevation Health has been nominated and is in the running for an AB Business Awards of Distinction Award.
- We haven't budgeted for anyone to attend, however, in light of a member being in the running discussion on sending representation to show support. At this point it is unclear if the business owner will be in attendance.

Motion: Spencer motioned to have the Executive Director attend the AB Business Awards of Distinction Award only if the business owner will be in attendance. Second by Joanne. All in Favor. Carried.

6.3 CBC Interview

- CBC reached out looking for a business owner and chamber representative to do an interview in regard to the vagrancy issues in the city.

Motion: Spencer motioned that Bob and Ryan proceed with the CBC interview as business owner and chamber representative, respectively. Second by Joanne. All in Favor. Carried.

6.4 Lloyd Sadd Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Time Change

- The ribbon cutting scheduled for 3:00pm is now rescheduled for 1:30pm June 6.
- Council will be away at FCM that week so we likely won't have representation from the City.
- Ashley, John, Ray and Pam will be in attendance.

7.0 OPEN DISCUSSION

7.0.1 Presidential and Board Member Highlights

- ACC conducted an interview with Ryan Jespersen on Pierre Poillievre's comments on chamber of commerce and CFIB
- Sherri will send out the interview
- Concerns on the direction of the ACC and CFIB over recent years.
- Lots of chambers have merged together ie. Medicine Hat took on a lot of southern Alberta
- Ray interviewed for a position on the ACC board and was asked stance on D.E.I
- Ray gave update on the mixer his company is hosting on May 9th
- John: Turn over of drivers this summer, CL Busing supporting lots of events this year through transportation. Interested in the Job Fair.
- Pam: Celebrating 5 years this year, business mixer on the 13th will celebrate this as well.
- Portugal trip has 14 registrations.
- Ashley: hopeful that patio season will start may long weekend.
- Joanne & Ryan are busy busy. Will get stats for homes sold Bonnyville compared to CL

7.0.2 Upcoming Events:

7.0.2.1 May 9th, - Property Consulting Group Business Mixer

7.0.2.2 June 6th – Lloyd Sadd Grand Opening

7.0.2.3 June 13th – Lake City Insurance Business Mixer

7.0.2.4 June 19 – Job Fair in partnership with Bonnyville Chamber

8.0 IN CAMERA

9.0 NEXT MEETING – June 12th, 2024 @ 6pm

10.0 ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Recording Secretary – Nicole Groulx

President – Ryan Lefebvre

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