

**Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce**  
**MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
Putters Restaurant, Claresholm

Present: Justin Sweeney, Marilyn, Curry, Hayley Welpton, Tara VanDellen, Kelsie Bowen-Preete, Donna Courage, Brandy Morrison, Cheryl Kustra, Lori Beazer, Amanda Zimmer, Rob Vogt, Michelle Smith, Iqbal Nurmohmed, Todd Budmiller, Shelpa Stocker, Tony Walker, Darla Slovak, Barbara Bell, Betty Fieguth, Lorraine Norgard and Ali Shivji.

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Justin Sweeney called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Acceptance/Additions to Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented on a motion made by Donna Courage, seconded by Todd Budmiller, carried.

3. Lunch & Learn Series

Members were advised of the upcoming June 15 Lunch & Learn will be by Leo Durand speaking on "Chamber Benefits & Employee Insurance" (location to be determined).

4. Mexican Fiesta Ad Hoc Committee

Kelsie Bowen-Preete gave an update on plans for the June 17 Mexican Fiesta event. She still needs more help to set up and take down as well some to be security people. If you can help in any way, please contact her at 403-512-0342. Lorraine will send out email to all members asking for more help.

Todd Budmiller volunteered to do free promotional videoing.

5. New Business

5.1 Alberta Chamber of Commerce Fort McMurray Relief Program

After discussion, Donna Courage moved we donate \$250.00 towards the Alberta Chamber of Commerce for the Fort McMurray Relief Program. Seconded by Tony Walker, carried. At this time fires are continuing to burn and spread, so there may also be other areas needing assistance as well. Justin will keep us apprised of other areas of concern.

Ali Shivji mentioned that we need to need to look after our area should a disaster happen here and that we look into presenting or providing information on disaster planning. We will take forward to our next Executive meeting.

5.2 Unstoppable Conversations

Executive had discussed donating \$250 to FCSS for the upcoming "Unstoppable Conversations" program. Barb Bell presented more information on the 2 day program on leadership to move forward in town. Lorraine Norgard moved we donate \$250.00 towards the program, seconded by Marilyn Curry, carried.

### 5.3 CDCC Step Employee

Justin Sweeney reviewed our approval for a STEP student position and the duties and our plans for such an employee. Our plan is to have someone in the position starting June 6.

### 6. Guest Speaker/Roundtable

Tara VanDellen – Development Officer from the Town of Claresholm presented on reasoning for bylaws and that the Town is currently looking to update their bylaws. They are looking for feedback on business development bylaws, so we were provided with a short survey that will also be circulated to all members.

### 7. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 12:00, location TBD.

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Lunch & Learn Series presentation.

### 8. Adjournment

Tony Walker moved the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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