

		Chamber of Commerce Representative	A
Ted Debenetti – Co-Chair A Buck or Two	A	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	P
George Emes Edward Jones	P	John Albanese – Town Councilor Town of Fort Frances	P
Richard Boileau McTaggart	A	Shelley Wepruk Secretary	P
Marie Therese Metke Pharmsave	P	Annely Armstrong Warehouse One	A
Pat Gartshore Gartsh's	A		
Doug Anderson Betty's	P		
Mike Tullio Nirvana Spa	A		



Blair Anderson & Tanis Drysdale were present as a guests.

1.Call to Order , Call for Conflict of Interest, Call for Agenda Additions

George Emes – Chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Agenda and minutes were circulated to the members for review. Members were asked for any agenda additions or conflicts of interest, none were noted.

George is going to talk to Ted regarding his vice-chair position and if he would be interested in taking over chair due to Connie's resignation.

2. Approval of Minutes

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Copies of the minutes from the 12 September, 2012 Board of Management Meeting were circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made;

Motion #1 Shelley Wepruk/Doug Anderson

TO accept the minutes presented of the 12 September, 2012 Regular Board of Management Meeting as presented.
Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

**No against or abstentions
CARRIED**

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3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Accounts payable for October were circulated for review.

Motion # 2 Doug Anderson/Marie Therese Metke

To accept the total payable dated September for payment in the amount of \$282.50

No against or abstentions

All in agreement - **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Finance and Administration Committee – No report at this time.

Promotions Committee – No report at this time.

Maintenance Committee – The committee is going to ask the proper authority if we can paint the parking lot structures on the 100 block of Scott Street.

Doug talked to Cher Pryse about her interest in doing our art work on Scott Street. She is interested and suggested doing portable murals. Discussion was held regarding finding more local artsy people who would be interested in participating and sharing their ideas.

Discussion was held regarding starting a contest to build bird houses to help decorate the downtown trees. There are a number of local builders who build and sell them. Should we go ahead with this idea?

John had positive comments re planters from local people, especially how beautiful they were considering the extremely dry summer we had. Should recognition be sent to public works? Discussion was also held on the adverse effects to people for vandalizing the planters and being charged – they would stand to lose their Nexus cards. This is something which should be put out to the public as most people don't realize it.

5. New Business

GO LOCAL – Tanis Drysdale gave a talk re the project. They are looking at combining projects from 2 different location to create the Fort Frances program. Geoff Gillon will be in charge of selling the program to merchants. If retailers don't go with the GO LOCAL program (need 30 participants – 50 would be good and 75 or more great) then the program will NOT proceed. The GO LOCAL team is still working out the bugs but wanted to keep BIA informed of the progress to date. A seminar is to be held tonight presenting the program to the general public.

AGM MEETING – The next AGM will be held at our December meeting. Letters have to be sent out to all building owners as well as merchants 30 days in advance of the meeting. It was suggested that a copy of the newsletter (which Kim is setting up) should accompany the letter to keep people informed of what the BIA is doing. The main purpose of the AGM is to reduce the number of seats necessary on the board as well as attracting new board members.

A letter of resignation was received from Connie resigning as Chairperson and from the Board of Management. A new Chairperson is being sought.

5. Closing & Setting of Next Board Meeting

The next meeting date will be 12 December, 2012 @ 8:00 a.m. at the BIA office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:00 A.M. AT THE BOARD ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

Meeting closed at 8:55 a.m.

Motion #4 John Albanese