

Downtown BIA – AGM & Board of Management Meeting

Wednesday, 16 February 2022

8 a.m. at Flint House

DRAFT MINUTES – motion required to approve

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| Pat Gartshore Chair – Gartch's Int. Pub | P | Rick Wiedenhoef – Town Councilor Town of Fort Frances | P |
| Shelley Wepruk Secretary | P | Stacey Cridland Flint House | P |
| Pam Williams) 4 Your Pets | P | Ed Gackley Flinthouse | A |
| Scott Krienke-Turvey Inkspotz | P | RRFDC Representative Geoff Gillon | P |
| Jamie Pryde Modern Family Diner | A | Heather Johnson Chamber of Commerce Rep | P |



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

Pat Gartshore – Chair - opened the meeting at 8:02 ... The Agenda and minutes had been sent via email. Members were asked for any emergency agenda additions or conflicts of interest, none were noted.

2. Approval of Minutes

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Copies of the minutes from the 12 January, 2022 Board of Management Meeting circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made:

Motion #1 Pam Williams/Pat Gartshore

TO accept the minutes presented of 12 January 2022

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Motion #2 –Scott Krinkie-Turvey/Pat Gartshore

TO accept the total payable for February 2022 in the amount of \$5,911.48

No against or abstentions

4. New Business - Call for New Business

1. Main Street Project
2. Quorum
3. Culturama

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5. Committee Reports

Finance and Administration Committee

1. Over \$100,000.00 in surplus. Board is considering reimbursing a portion of the surplus to businesses to help lower their taxes this year.
- 2.

Motion #3 Scott Krienke-Turvey/Stacey Cridland

TO increase our line items in budget by 15%.

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

Motion #4 Scott Krienke-Turvey/Shelley Wepruk

TO have Town issue a cheque to each B.I.A. tax paying business for a one time tax refund, if feasible

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

Promotions Committee

1. Fort Frances Times Ad. Not much coming up in near future.

Motion #5 Scott Krienke-Turvey/Pat Gartshore

TO spend \$400.00 with KDSM re ice fishing contest if viable and after 28 February.

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

Motion #6 Stacey Cridland/Pat Gartshore

TO spend \$2,000.00 on advertising between both radio stations for “Welcome back Americans” ads.

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

2. Pam would like to make sure all manner of businesses be included in our advertising: eg pet supplies, banks, restaurants, etc.

Maintenance Committee

1. Spring baskets are good to go. Remind Twila that only 34 baskets are required.

Chamber of Commerce

1. Rapid Testing: Walmart will be distributing the rapid tests through their customer service station. The kits are not yet in.
2. Drill & Chill : a virtual fishing contest on Rainy Lake the last week in February.
3. Medallion Hunt: Clues will be put up every morning at 9a.m. for participants.
4. Business Expo: May 13 & 14 at curling club. STAY-CATIONS will be the main focus.

Social Media

- 1 Will be posting welcoming to US visitors.

6. New Business

1. Culturama: Last week in August. Trying to contain event to Scott Street. Tents will be places in Market Square. This event is being spearheaded by the Museum.

2. Main Street Project was discussed.

Motion #7 Scott Krienke-Turvey/Pat Gartshore

TO apply for Main Street Project with RRFDC and Town of Fort Frances as Partners.

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

3. Can we lower our number people required to have a quorum at meetings

7. Old Business –

1 Christmas Tree: letter sent be to town asking for permission to erect a Christmas tree in Market Square. We need to know rules for putting it in. Ask them to put in where we can put it and will town help us with this project.

2. Speed Limit: Pam passed out a letter she drafted regarding our request to have the speed limit lowered and our reasons for making the request.

Setting of Next Board Meeting

4. Motion Scott Krienke-Turvey

To close the meeting

No against or abstentions

All in agreement – Meeting Closed at 9:11 a.m.

Our next meeting date will be 9 March, 2022 at Flint House.

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