

Doug Cuthbertson – Chair Northwoods	P	Chamber of Commerce Representative Jennifer Soderholm	P
Ed Gackley Flinthouse	P	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	P
Shelley Wepruk Secretary	P	Doug Judson – Town Councilor Town of Fort Frances	A
Pam Williams (Guest) 4 Your Pets	P	Jennifer Horton Curvey Chick	P
Scott Krinke-Turvey (Guest) Inkspotz	A		
Katie Trimble B93	P		
Pat Gartshore Gartch's International Pub	P		
Natalie Donaldson Bettys	P		



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

Doug Cuthbertson opened the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am. 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. The board welcomed Derek McLean, Jeremy Oster, Matt Bartlett, June Caul, Stacey Cridland, Kalie, Darrin Dinien and Blair Anderson to our meeting

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

### **B.I.A Board of Management Meeting – 10 April 2019**

Copies of the minutes from the 13 March, 2019 Board of Management Meeting circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made:

#### **Motion #1 Ed Gackley/Pat Gartshore**

TO accept the minutes presented of 13 March, 2019

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

**No against or abstentions**

**CARRIED**

## **3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report**

#### **Motion #2 – Jennifer Horton/Pat Gartshore/Ed Gackley**

TO accept the total payable for March in the amount of \$1165.70

**No against or abstentions**

**CARRIED**

#### **4. New Business**

1. Shoplifting problem in Fort Frances
2. Discover Magazine
3. Photo Opportunity for Tourists

#### **5. Additions to Agenda**

#### **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

##### **Finance and Administration Committee**

1. Pam Williams from 4 your Pets is our finance person now.

##### **Promotions Committee**

1. Working on Egg-Travaganza.
2. Mall Day will be July 18. Would like to have 200 & 300 blocks closed. Street will be closed from 9-1 on that day. Letter to go to town regarding the street closure. If cannot close on that date, we would like the Thursday before, date being July 11, 2019

##### **Maintenance Committee**

1. Street Clean-Up. Ed would like to see everyone making a concerted effort to clean up in front of your business. The sidewalks and streets are now littered with cigarette butts as well as garbage.
2. Baskets are down and the seeds of spring baskets are planted. Summer baskets will be up around mid May, weather dependent.

##### **Chamber of Commerce**

1. Expo is April 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> at the Curling Club There are only a couple of booths left.
2. Chamber AGM is coming up in 2 weeks.
3. New Logo is in the works.
4. Pushing for Resolute to have to leave enough wood fiber for a new business to have at their disposal.

##### **New Committee**

1. Stacey, Katie, Ben & Ed are the current members of the new committee. They will be on the street encouraging cleaning up in front of their businesses.

##### **Social Media**

1. Main Street B.I.A. will hopefully be digital main street B.I.A. Ed is currently working on a \$2,500.00 grant to help make this happen.

## **8. New Business**

1. We were visited by members of our local OPP for the purpose of discussing our shoplifting problem and how to deal with it. The following are the points that were discussed:
  - a. You can give the offender verbal or written notice to stay out of your premises.
  - b. You can ask them to leave.
  - c. You can call the office and ask for a report or update on an incident.
  - d. June expressed her concern about store owners being alone, specifically women, when someone enters with the intent of committing a crime. Is there an app or something to use in an emergency?
  - e. The police are well aware of the situation and are undertaking programs to deal with it.
  - f. We discussed working with the police to set up a team to combat the problems.
  - g. “Mobilization and Safeguards” is the name of the program
  - h. You can make a citizen arrest but call the OPP if at all possible and let them handle it.
2. Discover Magazine – Do we want to go in it again? Jen will look into cost. Times is running an additional flyer just for summer. Jen will look at the cost for this also.
3. Photo Opportunity – We need a photo opp downtown so tourists will stop rather than drive straight out of town.

## **Setting of Next Board Meeting**

**Motion # 4 Pat Gartshore/Pam Williams**  
To close the meeting  
No against or abstentions  
All in agreement – CARRIED

The next meeting date will be 8 May April, 2019 at 8 a.m. at the RRFDC board office above the Credit Union on First Street East. This will be our AGM.

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

Meeting closed at 9:05 am.