

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	A
Pam Williams) 4 Your Pets	P	Ed Gackley Flinthouse	A
Scott Krinke-Turvey Inkspotz	P	RRFDC Representative Geoff Gillon	A
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 7:58 am. ... 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

B.I.A Board of Management Meeting –14 July, 2021

Copies of the minutes from the 9 June 2021 Board of Management Meeting circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made:

Motion #1 Pam Williams/Scott Krinke-Turvey

TO accept the minutes presented of 9 June 2021

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

CARRIED

3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Motion #2 –Pat Gartshore/Pam Williams

TO accept the total payable for, June 2021 in the amount of \$143.19

No against or abstentions

CARRIED

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4. New Business - Call for New Business

1. Scott Street Flowers
2. Financial donation in honour of Doug Anderson

5. Committee Reports

Finance and Administration Committee

1. All in good standing. We have not received any correspondence from the town in regards to our Arrears.

Promotions Committee

1. Scott commented about not getting any feedback re radio or paper acknowledgements regarding the tragedy at the Residential Schools. He had asked they be put everyone on the board for their opinions. He was extremely disappointed in the copy that had been created by B93 but was in favour of the copy done by Fort Frances Times. The proposed copies had been forwarded via email to the board as requested.
2. We will be putting together new ads welcoming American shoppers back to Fort Frances to shop. The ads will consist of a member of the BIA stating their name, that they are a member of the BIA and welcoming our US customers to come and see what our stores have to offer.

Maintenance Committee

1. We had 2 prepared extra flower baskets which ended up being left at Hammonds Landscaping as nobody could pick them up before Hammonds closed for the season. As the baskets are huge and extremely heavy, they would not fit in a car or suv.
2. We are missing a hook in front of Betty's but can't have one installed as it would be too close to their building.
3. The museum is now in charge of Project Petunia in addition to Rainy Lake Square.

Chamber of Commerce

1. Heather gave us an update on what's happening at the Chamber.
2. She would like the BIA to put a booth in an upcoming event – The Great Northern Ontario Road Show.
3. Business Awards will be held at the Rendezvous again this year on 29 September, 2021
4. They have added a new award this year.

Social Media

1. Stacey reported that at the moment she is extremely busy with other commitments relating to operating of family businesses which is totally understandable.
2. She suggested that we send out a request to businesses to tag the BIA on their posts and we will share them on ours.

6. New Business

1. Concern was raised that all of the flowers along the major streets are basically the same. It was suggested that citizens would not recognize the difference between the baskets purchased by the BIA and the baskets purchased by Project Petunia. Discussion was had and Shelley will talk to Twila at Hammonds to make sure that next year our baskets are not copied and are unique.

2. It was suggested that we make a donation to Rainycrest in honour of Doug Anderson. Rick will check and see if we can make such a donation.

Motion #3 –Pat Gartshore/Scott Krinke-Turvey

TO make a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Rainycrest Home Auxillary in honour of Doug Anderson. &

To commit to spending \$150.00 with the Fort Frances Times on a notice advising of our donation.

No against or abstentions

CARRIED

7. Old Business –

1. Rick has talked to Travis re the BIA plaque and he advised Ray Calder will be putting it up shortly.

Setting of Next Board Meeting

4. Motion Pam Williams

To close the meeting

No against or abstentions

All in agreement – CARRIED - Meeting Closed at 8:50 a.m.

Our next meeting date will be 11 August , 2021 via Zoom at 8am.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:00 A.M. VIA THE INTERNET UNTIL WE CAN ONCE AGAIN MEET IN PERSON AT THE RRFDC BOARD ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.