

Connie Cuthbertson - Chair Northwoods Gallery & Gifts	P	Chamber of Commerce Representative	A
Ted Debenetti – Co-Chair A Buck or Two	P	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	A
George Emes Edward Jones	P	John Albanese – Town Councilor Town of Fort Frances	A
Richard Boileau McTaggart	P	Shelley Wepruk Secretary	P
Marie Therese Metke Pharmsave	A		
Pat Gartshore Gartch's International Pub	A		
Doug Anderson Betty's	P		
Mike Tullio Nirvana Spa	A		

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

Connie Cuthbertson 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.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

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Minutes were tabled until next meeting.

### 3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

No payables presented.

#### **1. Finance and Administration Committee:**

Motion was made to pay Canadian Tire for the tents for Market Thursdays in the amount of \$542.35 and to pay Marc Caron Limited for the installation of the banners in the amount of \$1,823.14.

### **3. Maintenance Committee:**

Banners are all up and local input has been mixed. Some think they are excellent, other think they don't stand out. With the addition of the red flags on the poles just below the banners, it will definitely make the banners more visible.

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

A committee will be formed to present the Market Square concept to the Town Council. The BIA needs to make a financial commitment to the town as it is a major stakeholder. A letter of commitment will be sent out to the town with our pledge of \$40,000.00 initially with an additional \$110,000.00 of the next ten years. This commitment will include ongoing promotions and artistic upgrades as part of the pledge for a total of \$30,000.00 over the next ten years also.

It was decided to talk to the Chamber of Commerce about relocating their office to the Market Square when the site is ready. It was thought that perhaps the Tourist Bureau would be interested also.

### **5. Closing and Setting of Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting date will be 23 May, 2012 at the board office.

Meeting closed @ 8:45 Ted Debenetti