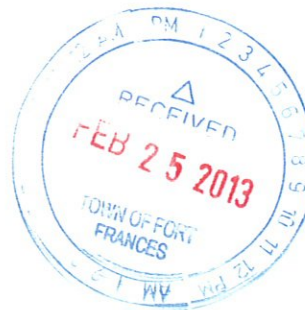


Doug Anderson – Chair Betty's	P	Chamber of Commerce Representative Annely Armstrong	P
Ted Debenetti – Co-Chair A Buck or Two	A	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	A
George Emes IPC Securities	A	John Albanese – Town Councilor Town of Fort Frances	A
Richard Boileau McTaggart's	A	Shelley Wepruk Secretary	P
Marie Therese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



Guests present were Anna Armstrong from the Best Start Project & Blair Anderson from Betty's.

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

Doug Anderson opened the meeting. The meeting to was called 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

B.I.A Board of Management Meeting – 19 December , 2012

Copies of the minutes from the 19 December, 2012 Board of Management Meeting were circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made;

Motion #1 Annely Armstrong/Shelley Wepruk

TO accept the minutes presented of the 19 December, 2012 Regular Board of Management Meeting as presented.
Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

**No against or abstentions
CARRIED**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shelley Wepruk'.

3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Accounts payable for November were circulated for review.

Motion # 2 Richard Boileau/Marie-Therese Metke

To accept the total payable dated January for payment in the amount of \$1,919.87

No against or abstentions

All in agreement - **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Finance and Administration Committee – George was not present to make a report.

Promotions Committee – Nothing in the works at the present moment in the way of advertising promotions. It was suggested we do a handout for all the hockey tournaments. Give them to the people working at the door to distribute and take them to the hotel/motels. The committee is also going to look into other means of mass advertising.

Maintenance Committee – Everything is done for the winter months. Instead of painting a planter, it was suggested that businesses plant around the trees right in the ground. Richard expressed concern about the longevity of plants with the bar now open.

Snow removal around the post office was brought up. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the by-law officer addressing out concern there as well as the Rainy Lake Hotel. Shelley will send a letter.

The issue of security cameras was mentioned and Shelley will talk to Dan DeGagne from Sunset Security to get a quote and his suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS – Anna Anderson gave the board a brief introduction to the Best Start Program and a project that it is trying to initiate.

The Best Start Program is a program that includes a number of different groups throughout the communities both native and non-native who all work together in the interest of children ages 0 – 6.

They are working on a project that will encompass all of the downtown core and will be of interest to residents and tourists alike. The project Anna presented is called “Mice on Main” and involves a scavenger hunt for small metal mice that are placed in different location throughout the downtown core. The participants would purchase a book that would give them clues where to look for the mice. It is felt that it would attract people downtown (children & parents) as well as attract the attention of visitors. It would be a reason for visiting the downtown area, thereby increasing traffic, as well as promoting literacy.

The Best Start program is looking for a BIA representative willing to sit on a sub-committee. Shelley has volunteered to be the representative. A number of different names were suggested for the Fort Frances program including “Skunks on Scott”. “Squirrels on Scott”, etc. It is felt that the hard cover book and a replica of the “mice” would be a great souvenir of the town.

5. Closing & Setting of Next Board Meeting

The next meeting date will be 13 February, 2013 @ 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 #3 Shelley Wepruk