

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



## **Guests: Blair Anderson & Jennifer Horton**

### **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 – 8 May, 2013**

Copies of the minutes from the 10 April, 2013 Board of Management Meeting were circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made;

**Motion #1      Jennifer Greenhalgh/George Emes**

TO accept the minutes presented of the 10 April, 2013 Regular Board of Management Meeting as presented.  
Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

**No against or abstentions**

**CARRIED**

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

There were no bills to be paid.

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Finance and Administration Committee** – There have been no bills for the past 2 months so we are under budget at the present.

**Promotions Committee** – Market Thursday's ads start tonight with radio ads all next week. Market Thursday officially kicks off on May 16. Ads will be placed on the internet this year also. Super Market Thursday will be held on 27 June, mall day. Kim Jo Bliss will be bringing various animals to town for people to view. A letter will be sent to the town asking for street closure on 27 June. Ads will be placed in paper and on the radio announcing the street closure. Attractions for mall days will include a booth in front of Health Unit by Best Start Network and a Dragon Boat in front of NCDS.

Everyone is encouraged to display, sell or somehow promote their business on the street on that day.

George has obtained sheeting to redo the panels on the Rainy Lake Hotel. We are currently seeking budding artists help with the display to be painted on the panels. We will be seeking artists thru the internet thru the web site also. If interested, please contact any board member.

Everything is ready to go on the Discover Fort Frances maps and will be out shortly.

Bass Week is approaching and the idea of having a stationary parade was discussed. Suggestion included closing Scott Street for 1 day and having the fishermen bring their boats downtown for people to see. Sponsors could take advantage of this as people could stop and talk to both the fishermen and their sponsors. It was suggested that perhaps businesses could pay a nominal amount to have a boat in front of their establishment so they could promote their business as well.

**Maintenance Committee** – Darryl is in the process of trimming the trees today.

According to the MNR, the proposed bird houses would attract sparrow and starlings. They suggest not putting holes in the houses as they birds will make a lot of mess or perhaps we could have wren houses built. Henry Miller cannot help us with the bird houses this year as he is too busy. It was determined that there should be 3 – 4 houses per tree. It was suggested that we approach the carpentry club. Anyone wanting to build bird houses for in front of their store, please feel free to do so. If you cannot build one, perhaps purchasing one or more would more in order. There will be 3 birdhouses placed in the dead tree in front of McTaggart's this year. The tree will be removed next spring when fully dead to the roots.

The idea of wind chimes was discussed and it was decided that larger chimes would be better suited. It idea is for a more visual effect rather than a sound effect and making Scott Street THE place to walk at night rather that Second Street.

We are encouraging everyone to put planters in front of your stores this year. If you do not want to put a planter, perhaps you could plant flowers around the base of your tree if you have one in front of store.

The suggestion to have more trees planted on Scott Street was discussed. It was suggested planting 3 or 4 trees in front of Rainy Lake Hotel. The committee will ask Darryl if possible and have him make arrangements with town if it is a go.

As mentioned in promotions, George has obtained paneling to the front of Fort Frances Hotel. This could be a perfect spot to show the residents of Fort Frances what the BIA had in mind for that spot – MARKET SQUARE. It was suggested that there could be a picture of the old hotel in the 1940's on one side and the proposed square on the other side. The picture of the Mountie should also be updated. There could be a picture of the old "Welcome to Fort Frances" banner that used to greet visitors at the International Bridge. The committee would very much like to have this work done by 1 June if possible.

Doug would like to see the person or persons who does the work on the panels to receive some sort of remuneration for their efforts.

Committee is also going to check with parks board to see if there are any more of the grey garbage cans if we are in need of them.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Dragon Boats: Jenny gave an update on the Dragon Boats. Everything is moving along very well. They will be set up on 27 June on Scott Street and on 1 July at Sorting Gap with races to commence on 2 July.

**CURVY CHICKS:** Jennifer Horton will be opening her business in the former Border Travel location.

Joint Chamber of Commerce meeting will be 30 May from 6 – 8 in International Falls. Contact Annely for more information.

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

The next meeting date will be 12 June, @ 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 #2 George Emes to close meeting.**