

Richard Boileau -Chair McTaggart's	A	Chamber of Commerce Representative Jennifer Soderholm	A
Ed Gackley Flinthouse	A	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	A
Jennifer Horton Curvy Chick	P	John Albanese – Town Councilor Town of Fort Frances	A
Scott Krienke-Turvery Ink Spotz Apparel	P	Shelley Wepruk Secretary	P
Marie Therese Metke Pharmsave	P		
Doug Cuthbertson Northwoods	P		
Pat Gartshore Gartch's International Pub	P		
Kim Nicholson Emes Financial	P		



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

Pat Gartshore opened the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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.

2. Approval of Minutes

B.I.A Board of Management Meeting – 1 March 2017

Copies of the minutes from the 11 January 2017 Board of Management Meeting circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made:

Motion #1 Doug Cuthbertson/Jennifer Horton
TO accept the minutes presented of 11 January 2017
Also to ratify all motions made on that date.
No against or abstentions
CARRIED

3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Motion #3 : There were no bills at the present time.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Finance and Administration Committee

1. No financial report at this time

Promotions Committee

1. Al from the Car Show dropped off posters and sponsorship levels. Jen & Ed to look after this promotion.
2. It was requested that we get copies of radio ads before they go to air. It is felt that some merchants are getting recognized more than others with some not being mentioned at all. It was also requested that we revamp our advertising promotions in general.
3. It was suggested that the snowflakes be left up and convert them into temporary Maple Leafs in order to celebrate our 150th. Anniversary. Decision must be made quickly before town takes them down for the summer. Our theme for mall day should be the 150th. Anniversary. Shelley to send letter to town requesting street closure for 29 June with 30 June being backup date if raining.

Maintenance Committee

1. Baskets – We are in between seasons on the baskets at the present time. Jen will talk to Twila re spring baskets in the coming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Map – on hold
2. HOPC – nothing new
3. Calendar of Events – No Report
4. Back of Signs – no report
5. Market Square – The tug boat will NOT be placed in the square.
6. Sidewalk Cafes – nothing new

NEW BUSINESS

1. Easter – don't know what's happening. If we want to get involved, Ange Korzinski is the person to call at Rusty Myers Airbase.
2. It is the BIA's 40th. Anniversary coming up in 2018. We need to start preparing for it now as it will come very quickly.

5. Closing & Setting of Next Board Meeting

Motion # 4: Doug Cuthbertson

To close the meeting

No against or abstentions

All in agreement – CARRIED

The next meeting date will be THE AGM, 8 March, 2017 @ 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 8:45 am.