

Barrhead & District Chamber of Commerce General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 16th, 2023

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Charles Godberson Room, Agrena

1. Call to Order 12:03 pm
2. Additions to the Agenda None
3. Adoption of Agenda Dave
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings Dave
 - a) March Executive Meeting Minutes
 - b) February General Meeting Minutes
5. Business Arising from the Minutes None
6. Speaker – Linda (Town of Barrhead) – Re Plans for Upcoming Year (events & cultural funding)
 - Better in Barrhead has events listed for the upcoming year. The town is busy planning the following list of events under the Arts & Culture programming as well as community events.
 - March Comedy Night and Taco Bar 18+ \$35 tickets
 - April Easter Contest, events at pool
 - April Live Artist Showcase @ Roxy Theatre
 - May Mother's Day – mom and child cake decorating
 - June 2 & 3 All Wheels Park Grand Openinh
 - June Geocaching in town
 - July 1 Canada Day with fireworks, inflatables, bounce houses and more
 - August Summer Wrap up Party – date TBD will be last week
 - September Arts & Culture Event - Arts Exhibit
 - October Partner with Halloween Walk as per past with haunted house
 - November Arts & Culture Event – TBD
 - December 10 Polar Parade and Santa Skate
 - December 31 Family First Night
7. Financial Update – Michelle absent - no update
8. Committee Reports
 - a) Marketing – Kristine absent – no update
 - b) Business Excellence Awards/Networking Events – Josh Golf Tournament – June 23
 - c) Membership – Dave & Diane Will be a follow up on O/S dues
 - d) Business Development – Megan Work on Rural Renewal & Shop Local
 - e) Charitable Activities – Michelle absent – no update
 - f) Mainstreet Activities – Laura pre-planning started
9. Town of Barrhead Update
 - Recycling Program has been in discussion and how it will affect small town papers with cost of participation and strategy behind the program and hurdle. Community and businesses can reach out to MLA's with letters of support.

10. County of Barrhead Update

- Community Hall strategies have begun with discussions on municipality usage with all halls
- Rural Renewal Program with Adam continuing to work to find valuable information in process of the program
- Marketing of Kiel Industrial Park within Invest Alberta magazine.
- Wild Alberta, province has awarded grant for tourism and position has been filled for production of tourism guide.
- Regional Economical Development – county is now inside the North East District which will create some new opportunities while continuing to utilize relationships build in the north west region.

11. Other Business – Update on High-Speed Internet Access (Dave)

- Rotary Music Festival now on with support for the business community
- Business Support Network
 - working with Community Futures on support programs with grant received
 - Quarter engagement with meetings
 - Launch in Whitecourt on April 27th 11:30 am to 1:00 pm focus on tourism
 - Eventbrite tickets are free as lunch has been sponsored
 - September Job Fair in Whitecourt with 1000+ students, 1000+ job seekers and 20 post secondary schools, 50+ employers
- High Speed Internet update – Telus and Shaw available, Shaw in industrial park with April 1st start up and late spring to finish
- Healthcare in the community – new doctors will be starting at the clinic building across from the legion. 3 doctors will be starting and 3 more coming in the next year. Also discussions on shortage of nurses

12. Announcements

13. Next Meetings:

- a) General Meeting April 20th, 2023, Charles Godberson Room, Agrena
- b) Executive Board Meeting April 12th, 2023, Perry Law LLP

14. Adjourn Meeting

12:58 pm