

Minutes of the Meeting
Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce
March 10th, 2020 12:00pm
Lower Level of Memorial Hall

Present: Nancy Chatwin, Jodi Winkler, Scott Johnston, Tyler King, Sheena Nakonechney, Jason Rheault, Kelly Dyck, Mayghan McEacheran, Dean North, Ashley Froese, Clayton Morgan and Richard Dyck.

1. Call to order:

Kelly Dyck called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made by all in attendance

3. Approval of Agenda

Jason Rheault moved to accept the March agenda as circulated – Nancy Chatwin Seconded – Carried

4. Community Reports:

Community Futures Heartland – Submitted by Ken Reimer

- CF Heartland will be hosting a Kids Biz camp in Carman again this summer. This camp is set to run the week of August 17th, 2020. The camp will be for kids ages 9-12 and will be a week-long camp that teaches business basics and hosts tours at various businesses in our community.
- CF Heartland is willing to assist any non-profit organization with a strategic plan. Please contact Ken or Penny for more information on this.
- Email newsletter is available to anyone interested. Please email heartland@cfheartland.ca to subscribe.

Carman Family Resource Center – No Report

Carman Handi-Van – No Report

Director of Economic Development – Tyler King

- Red River College will be holding a Health Care Aide course in Carman.
- If there are any other requests for training course to be held in Carman, please let Tyler know and we will contact Red River with regards to hosting this course in Carman.
- Tyler attended the Fargo trade show at the beginning of the month.
- Tyler will be at the RV show in Winnipeg March 13th-15th, 2020.

Town of Carman – Richard Dyck

- 2020 was a reassessment year with a total increase is 5.72% and as a reminder, all properties within classes did not all increase or decrease by the same amount.
- The Council is approving a budget with a decrease in spending by 2.65% or \$182,962. This is due to decrease in Gas Tax grant by a similar amount. The mill rate will come in at 19.63, a decrease of 0.32 and the total budget will be \$6,786,240.
- Some highlights include the following points:
 1. 1st St SW inspection of sewer mains, and preparation for road reconstruction in 2021.

2. Reconstruct 3rd Ave NE with concrete street. (Main Street to Walinga)
3. Concrete sidewalks in several locations around town
4. New pool liner
5. Water reservoir and main upgrade project located in the industrial park to start this year. Project supported by three levels of Govt. TOC will be switching our water to PVWC at Stephenfield by 2021.
6. Several local groups will see support grants.

RM Rep- Clayton Morgan

- The RM is now accepting tenders for gravel hauling.
- Tenders are being accepted for the farmland surrounding the RM of Dufferin shop.

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Sheena Nakonechney

- **My Gym**– Begins Monday March 16, 2020
- Times of classes: All ages - 4:50 – 5:40, Mighty Mites 5:45 –6:45 and Gymnastics 6:50 – 7:50
- Each class is \$75.00. Registration is open online for the 3classes.
- **Learn to use your iPhone** - March 17, 2020
- 7:00-8:30
- Cost is \$10.00 – Full with 15 registrants

Spring Break Day Camp

- Registration opens April 1st at 8:00 am
- Register online

CDR Summer Hockey Camp with the Rink

- 18 players and 3 goalies per group
- Registration will be open online April 15th at 7:00am
- Novice Major/Atom - \$365.00
- Atom Major/Peewee - \$390.00
- Bantam/HS - \$390.00

Registration dates are set for:

- Swimming and Camping – April 8th 7:00 am
- Hockey Camp – April 15th 7:00am
- Day Camp – April 29th 7:00am

5. Approval of Minutes:

Scott Johnston moved to accept the minutes of the February 11th , 2020 meeting as circulated- Jason Rheault Seconded - Carried

6. Financial Report:

The balance in the ACU chequing account as of March 10th, 2020 is \$11466.96. The Chamber buck account balance is \$5768.94.

Dean North moved to accept the March financial statement as presented. Scott Johnston Seconded – Carried

7. New Business:

- The 2020 GPAC concert series begins in April. Season tickets are available at the cost of \$150 which will include all 6 shows.

- Access Credit Union merger will take place on March 19th. Voting can be done in person or online. More information can be found at accessvotes.ca
- The Kinette Club will be holding a blood donor clinic on Thursday, May 21st at the Carman Community Hall. Please plan to give!
- The Kinette Club will be assisting at the Pee Wee AA Provincials March 13th-15th, 2020 and also at the GPAC concert on Monday, March 16th.
- Ashley Bart has started a postpartum clothing line called "Styled by Mylke".
- Homestead Co-op will now be emailing all monthly statements instead of mailing them.

8. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

We welcome Mayghan McEacheran to our committee. We met last week to help with invites for the Collegiate Job Fair. We have reached out specifically to both members and non-members to try and provide a well-balanced demographic of local jobs. We are also utilizing the Job Fair as an opportunity to attract new members. The event is free to members and \$50 for non-members. We will next meet in April – please let us know if you'd like to join us!

Meet and Greet/ Lunch and Learn Committee:

The main focus this month will be the State of the Community Address which will be held on March 26th at McGee's Restaurant.

At this time, we will hear from Mayor Brent Owen on the State of the Town, Reeve George Gray on the Stat of the RM and from Councilor Richard Dyck on the Strategic Plan that the Town of Carman has been working on. The AGM of the Chamber will be held at this time as well.

The Address will begin at 11:30 and lunch will be served at 11:45.

Tickets are available from Jodi at the cost of \$10 for members and \$15 for future members.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this event.

Golf Committee:

The golf committee is meeting regularly and sponsors are starting to come into place.

The dates of the tournaments are: Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce Golf Tourney, June 18th and Access Credit Union Pro Am, August 21st.

9. President's Report- Kelly Dyck

- See March Report

10. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

- See March Report

11. Old Business- None

12. Correspondence- None

13. Round Table Discussion

- The Chicken Chef mixed provincial will be held at the Carman Golf and Curling Club, March 19th -22nd, 2020.
Weekend passes are available for \$20 or daily passes are \$10.
- Syl's will be open on Thursday, March 12th, 2020.

14. Next Meeting – April 14th 12:00 pm – Lower Level of Memorial Hall

15. Motion made by Ashley Froese to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 pm

President's Report – March

Dear Fellow Chamber Members,

I hope everyone has a chance to get outside and enjoy some of our milder weather this winter. We've been fortunate to have some great weekends with lots of sunshine. With spring just around the corner, I trust many of you are looking forward to another great year.

I have now reached the end of a two-year term as president of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce. I feel confident that the chamber is moving in the right direction both as a value added to our local business community and an improving image within this community, we serve in. This is only possible because of the people that are involved. There is a passion as well as a talent pool in our business community that is second to none. The ideas that are brought to the table are always extremely strong.

This, combined with our Executive Director Jodi's many skills and talents including (but definitely not only) organization, people skills and work ethic, has made my time as president very positive. I look forward to the future of the Chamber and the opportunity to continue to serve in other ways. I am very optimistic about the direction that our future leader(s) guide us in and wish them all the best.

We are blessed to live in the community that we do, with the people and business leaders that we do!

Thank you for everything that you have done and continue to do for this Chamber community!!

Kelly

Executive Director's Report – March

And now it's March! Spring is just around the corner.....I hope!

February was a month of planning, as we have some exciting events taking place in the coming months.

I hope that you are planning to attend the State of Community Address which will be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce.

This event will take place on Thursday, March 26th at 11:30 am.

The luncheon will be held at McGee's restaurant and will begin at 11:30. Lunch will be served at 11:45 and we will have everything wrapped up by 1:00 so that you can get back to business.

Thank you to Mayor Brent Owen who will speak on the state of the Town of Carman, Reeve George Gray, speaking on the State of the RM of Dufferin and Councillor Richard Dyck who will be speaking on the Strategic Plan that the Town has been working on.

If you would like to attend this event, please let me know. I encourage you to bring staff members as well. Tickets are \$10 each and invoices are available.

On April 16th, the Chamber will be hosting a job fair at the Carman Collegiate. Thank you to Jacquie Metcalf, guidance councillor at the collegiate, for collaborating with me on this event.

The fair will be held in the gymnasium from 10am-12:15pm.

This event will be mandatory for Grade 8-10 students and may be optional for grade 11 and 12 students.

The grade 8, 9 and 10 students will each be given the task of asking at least one employer a question.

The purpose of this event would be:

- to further educated students at Carman Collegiate on the opportunities available within our community
- recruit students for jobs within your business or organization
- raise awareness of the post secondary education required to work within your company.

If your business is interested in hosting a table/booth at the job fair, please let me know and I can provide you with further information.

I have a few Meet and Greet/Lunch and Learns planned for the spring, but am focusing on the success of the AGM, and the Job Fair for now.

If you haven't received your 2020 Membership package yet, check your mail and if you still don't see it, LET ME KNOW!

Thank you to all of our NEW and EXISTING members for your investment in our Chamber and our community.

I look forward to our 2020 Chamber year.

Please reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, ideas or just to talk! I'd love to hear from you.

See you on Tuesday!

Sincerely,

Jodi Winkler

Executive Director

Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce