

## **February 2024**

### **St. Martins & District Chamber of Commerce** **Board Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order/Opening 7:07pm on Zoom
2. Roll call/Attendance Jordan, Elaine, Jules, Wendy, Bev
3. Approval of agenda Elaine, Second: Jules
4. Address or proposals from the Community
5. Address or proposals from Chamber Members
  - 5.1. Remember to invite general membership to Board of Directors meetings and ask for any proposals or addresses.
6. Staff reports
  - 6.1. Membership update - email list needs cleaning up, it has previous members etc: Will be completely updated by February 28th.
  - 6.2. Job fair update - Envision Saint John: Hospitality and Tourism Job Fair February 29th. For employers and job seekers. Shared on Facebook and email to members.
  - 6.3. Financial update
    - 6.3.1. Bills Outstanding for Holiday Gathering; Kolody, The Caves, Old Molly: Everybody but Old Molly's Bar has been paid. Possibly have an outstanding with the Community Center.
7. Old business
  - 7.1. Bank account info to Wendy: Sent
  - 7.2. Review the website changes: To be updated!
8. New business
  - 8.1. Bursaries: Get the announcements done earlier this year. Talk to Amy Allen Marketing about updating the posters.
  - 8.2. Road Builders trailer has Co-op students from our area: Two students coming after March break to the end of April working with Kathron. Is there any other business interested in Co-Op students? Who else could use Co-Op students this time of year. Perhaps helping get ready for the start of the season.
  - 8.3. Email to members: Winterfest schedule, FERO meeting, Strategic Plan update, job fair reminder, membership renewals last call. Next Council meeting (Tues. March 5). Next Board meeting (Wed. March 27), send a link in email.
  - 8.4. Money coming from CITVSM 2023 for the Jennifer Huttges Memorial Bursary: Awaiting

- 8.5. Speaker Series update: Pre-season= WorkingNB, Ayman. WorkingNB, Labour laws and practices with Donna Bennett, Cliff Valley Astronomy, Marketing. Postseason = Impact Wealth Financial Planning and Insurance, Bookkeeping, WorkSafe NB and courses in the off-season.
- 8.6. Winterfest Hockey Tournament: 30 minutes after every other game for flooding, the schedule needs to be adjusted. Share with Shawn and John.
- 8.7. Winterfest: Ask for renos for the rock area to the beach. Bursary draw square to be \$5.
9. Next meetings
  - 9.1. Board of Directors: Wednesday, March 27, 2024
  - 9.2. General membership meeting: May or June.
10. Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:18pm

LAST EMAIL TO MEMBERS:

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPEAKER SERIES**

The Speaker Series is starting up again, but with new dates. In order to bring in more speakers, we are holding some events prior to the summer season and some after.

The date will be April 23, May, 14, and June 4.

Then again on September 24, October 15, and November 5.

Speakers can include WorkingNB, Impact Insurance and Financial Planning, Cliff Valley Astronomy, marketing companies, and more. If you have any ideas or requests of who you'd like to see, please send them to [smartinschamber@gmail.com](mailto:smartinschamber@gmail.com).

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Due January 31, 2024

#### **TOURISM MASTER PLAN**

The development of a Tourism Master plan led by Envision Saint John is on the way. Envision has hired a consultancy service for this and a steering committee is currently being developed. More information will follow.

#### **UPDATES FROM COUNCIL**

We have some updates from the Mayor and Council. Please see attached documents for those.

Topics in the documents include residential garbage collection, land use planning, Council meeting time, Waste/Water survey, new Development Officer position.

#### **Business Garbage**

After a Council vote, garbage pickup for businesses will no longer be available as of June 1, 2024. The Council is currently coming up with a solution, but no plans have been made as of yet. The St. Martins Chamber of Commerce, despite reaching out multiple times, has remained uninvited to be table regarding this matter.

#### **Waste/Water Survey**

Survey can be completed by following this link:

<https://gis.dillon.ca/maps/apps/storymaps/stories/d0ad6a14205e406f800bb11e61ab5beb>

## **West Quaco Golf Course**

There has been no public updates regarding the golf course coming to West Quaco.

### **Communication**

The St. Martins & District Chamber of Commerce has reached out and asked multiple times to be included in discussions with Council in order to effectively represent business. We continue to not hear from Council on any regular basis.

If you want to reach out to the Mayor, Council, or the Fundy-St. Martins office, here is the contact information:

- General email: [info@fundystmartins.ca](mailto:info@fundystmartins.ca)
- Website: [fundystmartins.ca](http://fundystmartins.ca)
- Phone: (506) 833-2010
- Mayor: [jamesbedford@fundystmartins.ca](mailto:jamesbedford@fundystmartins.ca)
- St. Martins Councillor: [gregorymoran@fundystmartins.ca](mailto:gregorymoran@fundystmartins.ca)
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