

MEETING MINUTES

St. Martins & District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting Nov. 18, 2024



1. Call to Order/Opening

7:13pm call

2. Roll call/Attendance

Jordan Jamison, Bev Dallon, Wendy Grozik, Elaine Shannon absent Dwayne Snell, Jules Hare

3. Approval of agenda

Bev and Wendy

4. Address or proposals from the Community

- 4.1. Community workers in St. Martins need close to 700 hours for EI, while Alma needs ~450. Is this something employers would like to see changed in coming years. A survey would tell us whether or not this is something the members want.

5. Address or proposals from Chamber Members

- 5.1. N/A

6. Staff reports

- 6.1. Membership update: N/A

- 6.2. Financial update:

An update on remaining 2024 debts and incomes will be done and reported for the next BoD meeting/holiday social.

Pay Museum donation for AGM: \$75.00

ACTivate St. Martins visit: N/A

Royal Legion (Remembrance Day cross): \$45.00

7. Old business

- 7.1. Revisit Chamber Chair meetings

Sussex Chamber of Commerce has expressed interest in continuing the President's meeting with St. Martins & District Chamber of Commerce,

and Hampton Chamber of Commerce. Potentially including Albert-County and East Charlotte.

7.2. Winterfest

Marianne Langille (the new Program and Event Coordinator for Fundy-St. Martins) is now taking over the Winterfest planning role. The St. Martins Chamber will hand over all relevant information and material to support Marianne.

8. New business

8.1. "10 goals for March".

Still drafting.

8.2. Stephane Picard Proposal for Night sky project

S. Picard requires \$1000+tx to write all applications to get funding to get Night Sky designations. This would lead to St. Martins being the 13th designation in the province. New Brunswick would then be the province with the most designations in Canada.

Yay= 4. Nay= 0. Abs.= 0.

8.3. Committee of the Whole meeting

Happening on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 7:30pm at the St. Martins Community Center.

9. Next meetings:

Holiday Social

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Location TBD

10. Adjournment:

8:38pm

Attached:

- S. Picard's (Cliff Valley Astronomy) Dark Sky Consultation proposal.

Post-Meeting Notes:

- The Chamber attended the Committee of the Whole meeting held by the Fundy-St. Martins council. The 2025 municipal budget was discussed. A presentation by Envision Saint John was also given that highlighted the release of the new Tourism Strategic Masterplan and a bid to host the 2029 Canada Games.