

Board Meeting Minutes December 19, 2024

Present: Tyler Schroeder, Derek Wiebe, Leah Olsen, Zoria Constantino, Stéphan Warnock, Connie Pauls, Derek Hamilton, Brent Laverty, Clare Agnew

Regrets: Mariyam Tsygankova

Welcome and Call to Order at 12:10pm

Agenda: MOTION: Z. Constantino/D. Wiebe. To adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

Conflicts of Interest: nothing noted.

Minutes: MOTION: C. Pauls/B. Laverty. To adopt November 21, 2024, board meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report: Motion: C. Pauls/Z. Constantino. To adopt the Treasurers report as provided.

Draft Budget: reviewed and feedback provided. Budget to be reviewed by the Executive. Budget will be presented at the January Board Meeting.

Municipal Funding Requests: Requests have been sent to the City of Morden and RM of Stanley.

Member Feedback: businesses were happy to participate in visits from Gerome the Gnome. Clare will gather the numbers of views and comments and report in the January newsletter. Good way to get different businesses involved.

Executive Director Report. Report provided. Clare updated the sponsorship drive information. Going to highlight information in the newsletter about non-profit organizations.

Committee Reports:

- **Advocacy & Governance: Suncatch:** Met with the City on December 17. Reviewed our process. Shared the concerns of the business community. They said they would consider the comments and get back to us. Felt the meeting went well and that the meeting confirmed the value of the partnership. **Wastewater:** Morden Council provided us with an update that was included in the December newsletter.
- **Member Services:** Annual Memberships going out in January.
- **Networking, Events & Promotions:** Awards Banquet is January 30, 2025. Please let Clare know if you require a ticket. The award portion of the event is complete and all nominees have been contacted. Lorne Stelmach and Nathan Knight will be in touch for interviews. Awards have been ordered.
- **Executive:** Clare's performance review: outstanding.
- **Chairperson:** Attended the Morden Area Foundation grant evening. They now could grant to non-profits.

New Business

- **Correspondence:** Nothing received.
- **New Board Member:** refer to the Advocacy & Governance Committee

Old Business

- **Exploring New Event ideas** – nothing further at this time.

Adjourn: S. Warnock/D. Wiebe. CARRIED.



Next Board Meeting: January 16, 2025

Upcoming Events: January 30 - Morden Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Banquet
March 7 - International Women's Day Luncheon
April 10 - Morden Chamber of Commerce AGM & State of the City Address
June 5 - Morden Chamber Nine & Dine golf tournament
November 20 - Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas