

Texada Island Chamber Of Commerce Dinner Meeting –

~ 50 Attending

Speaker(s) – Faren Wolfe & Dan Clark (Grass Roots)

Called to Order: 7:18 pm

Presidents Report:

- 1 2 new directors positions open (Ashley Rairie and Mandy Elliot)
- 2 In the new year, we will revisit the bylaws, which haven't been looked at in a while
- 3 New Societies Act: Have to register with the Extraprovincial Non-Share Corporation. There is a form and a fee. Motion: to spend the money to register: Doby Dobrostanski; 2nd: Sharlene Patterson – carried
- 4 Visitors Guide now on website. Will be expanded to include “non-tourism” businesses
- 5 Rachel Blaney will be at the Legion from 4:30 – 6 pm on October 11. Motion: to cover the cost of a meal while she is here: Al Davis; 2nd: Deniece Sulyma – carried
6. Sharlene Patterson: New Welcome to Texada folders for new residents. Will contain business cards from local businesses. Have 1000 folders. Suggestion (Kim Miller) – include a sheet of services ie. Recycling, where to buy phonebooks, etc.

New Members

1. Matt Hallam-Eames (Qmata Heating and Plumbing)
 - a. Works towards energy efficiency with propane and gas, water systems,
2. Clint Kitchen – Renovations

Speakers: Faren Wolfe & Dan Clark – Marijuana Legalization

1. Realizing the benefits – oils, CBD, CDN, etc (80 – 100 compounds)
2. Alternative medicine
3. Lots of red tape to go through
 - a. Now you can get a licence to grow or buy
 - b. The new regulations will allow you to grow 4 plants in a dwelling you own. But you can only have 30 grams at any one time. After that, there are fines and jail time.
4. Edibles will not be legal for another year. They will have to go through a government control board, there will be no promotion and blank packaging
5. Laws much more stringent once it is legalized, licences will be much harder to get
6. Policing don't know what is going on yet
7. Municipal gov'ts can deny outlets

Economic Development – Joseph Scott

1. 1085 residents on Texada (up 25% since 2006; up 105% in the 65-84 age bracket)
2. 22 action plans, 44 business development ideas, 22 potential new businesses, 14 long term plans
3. How to move forward now? Email to people asking which of the action plans interest them
4. A letter to the QRD in support of a longhouse in Shelter Pt.
 - a. Discussion: original request was for a gazebo. Lots of people are not happy with the idea of a longhouse. Need more information, more discussion and more public consultation before we go forward with this.
5. A copy of the EDAP is available on the COC website

Business Hotspot – Al Davis, TI Boat Yard

At the old Lafarge barge-loading property

Hauling out and storing boats but not doing repairs (tho you can do your own there)

Reports

1. Regional District – Sandy McCormick was elected by acclamation
2. Ferries – Blubber Bay dock requires repairs for the triangle run (strengthen the wing walls)
 - a. Blubber Bay dock requires repairs for the triangle run (strengthen the wing walls). It will be a quick fix, the ferry will continue to run
 - b. Will run twice a week, going to Powell River then here in the morning, then here then on to Powell River in the evening.
3. Food Hub – Tom Read
 - a. Kitchen opening Sept 29. Everyone is welcome to the open house.

Next Dinner Meeting: November 30th

Adjourned: 8:54 pm