

## **Texada Island Chamber Of Commerce Dinner Meeting – May 25, 2018**

~ 41 Attending

Called to Order: 7:03 pm

**Minutes:** of meeting distributed by Elayne Boloten for information only

### **President's Report:** Cindy Babyn

- a. BC Ferries – attended a meeting
  - i. Asked for 7 day a week schedule again instead of weekend changes
  - ii. Asked to add a note to the schedules that you cannot make the Texada ferry unless you talk to the chief purser and have them call ahead and ask for the NIP to be held – often doesn't
- b. Texada Visitors Guide
  - i. Thanks to members who contributed names, Terry Hollo & Peter Lock for the factoids, Doby for the cover drawing of Mich McCauley's photo
  - ii. TICS and TACT have donated \$500 for the first print run (500 copies)
  - iii. To go to airport, wharfinger, Texada Inn, ShelterPt, Centennial Service, TI Boat Yard, That Place, PR COC and PR Tourism
- c. Thanks to: Barb Nairn & team and Mandy Elliot (who is leaving to return to New Zealand)

### **Treasurers Rpt:** Trevor Morrison - see attached.

- a. Motion: that the online password be released so that Trevor can do things online without requiring 2 signatures: Elayne Boloten; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Stiles – carried
- b. Motion: money to be moved between accounts can be done by one authorized signature: Jane Waterman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandy Elliot – carried
- c. Motion: \$120 be spent on an insert into the Express Lines listing all the nominees, runners up and winners of the Chamber Awards: Terry Waterman , 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Northrup - carried

**Correspondence:** Lots of publications – available to those that want

### **Reports**

1. Economic Development – listened to many people, looking for a compass to improve the economy of the island
  - a. Held 4 meetings with 108 participants – 62 unique; 30 businesses
  - b. Formal report at the end of June
  - c. Print copies available, as well as digital
  - d. Recommendations: trail signs and maps zipline or canopy walk, kayak rentals, release “back tax” properties, ride sharing, home sharing
  - e. Thursday meeting with Tla'amin Economic Development people
  - f. Also asked for more summer ferry sails, return to old schedule
2. Regional District –Sandy McCormick
  - a. OCP ongoing
  - b. Concensus btwn new and long time residents – no bylaws!!
3. Heritage – Pete Stiles
  - a. 2 students advertised for – no applicants yet

- b. Escaped the PRRD attempts to include us in their heritage commission
  - c. We are the first heritage commission in the province
  - d. Newest projects are a school room and a teacherage
  - e. \$91,000 from Community Forestry for the new roof
4. VA Fire Departments – Rob McWilliam
    - a. Structural protection unit for island being purchased. Grant thru Community Forestry for \$23,000
    - b. Thanks to firesmart open house – wildfire protection kits (sprinklers for eaves) – to get 20 kits for sale to residents
  5. TACT – Tim Atwood
    - a. Something happening every weekend of the summer!
  6. Blues and Roots – Gerry Childress
    - a. Artists from within 100 km, returning visitors, artist calling us
    - b. TV in mall showing all TACT events
    - c. Lodging is a problem
  7. Aerospace Camp – Doby
    - a. 4 – 7 of July
    - b. Camp makes money, fly in doesn't so they break even
    - c. Museum now in hangar – library, radio room, contributions welcome
  8. Refugee – Karen May
    - a. Syrian arrival delayed – 2 – 3 more weeks
    - b. RV set up for them

**Speaker(s) – Tim Knoop – Lafarge Manager**

- a. Living in PR because wife has job there
- b. Born and raised in Nanaimo
- c. In forestry for a long time, wanted to stay on coast so left forestry for Texada Quarry
- d. Plans to retire here!
- e. Trying to bring hourly and management people together, find new products, etc
- f. Committed to the environment and safety

**New Business:**

- a. **Business Awards** – over 350 ballots cast in stores
  - i. Thanks to Brian and Leslie Goeresky for starting it all off with the Rocky Gable Ferry Loading Award suggestion
  - ii. BC Ferries donated ferry passes for winners
  - iii. See attached for winners
  - iv. Presidents award – for exceptional service to the community – Elayne Boloten

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Adjourned 8:45 pm