

Board Meeting Minutes
July 12th, 2018
1 pm to 3 pm
Location: Columbia Valley Credit Union

Board Attendance: Rav Soomal (Chair Person), John Lush, Lucille Hayward, Shelly Wadden, Magi Scallion, Treena Coney

Absent: Jo Best, Graeme Kreiner, Toby Barrett, Brandy Beliveau, and Atma Sandher

Staff: Joanne Sweeting, Rachel Wilde, Andrew Brown and Alycia Weir

	MOTION / ACTION	1 ST	2 ND	CARRIED	ACTION
	Call to Order & Welcome.				
1.	<i>Motion:</i> To approve the agenda.	John	Lucille	ALL	
2.	Review the action points from the June 14 th board meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All complete 				
3.	<i>Motion:</i> To approve and sign off the minutes from the June board meeting.	Magi	Treena	ALL	
4.	<p>Joanne gave an update on the Labour shortages issue. Attended a meeting hosted by Doug Clovechok. It was attended by Town (Jon W.), Karen Cathcart, EK Employment, Chamber, KH Lodging, Wildwater Adventures, amongst others. During the meeting Joanne brought up the need to review resurrecting a shared Economic Development function. Karen was supportive but Jon stated that taxpayers would not want to pay for it and so this was not pursued any further during the meeting.</p> <p>Bellstar have managed to find staff for this season but the staffing issue still remains and is a concern for them. Joanne has been looking into other options including the TFWP scheme.</p> <p>John suggested that we look into advertising to drive potential employees to a specific employment site. Rav commented that we should discuss this at the Strategic Planning meeting. Joanne added that we need to think about whether we want to do this role as this really falls within economic development.</p>				
5.	<p>Joanne gave an update on Short-term rentals and the recent PST changes.</p> <p>She has checked with Phil from the Town about the draft regulation. He confirmed that they are behind and a draft should be ready for in September.</p> <p>PST Bulletin 120 was issued July 9th and included the following changes, effective from Oct 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes exclusion to collect PST & MRDT on 3 units or less & replaces with an annual revenue threshold of \$2,500. Requires online platforms to collect PST/MRDT. These will be disbursed separately from the core MRDT funds to Eligible Entities. 				

	<p>Joanne participated in a TIABCE/DBC MOA conference call with Ministry staff, who were not clear on how the new regulation would be communicated to STRs now required to collect, or how/if enforcement would be handled. Online platforms would collect the MRDT and then pass onto the government. This can then be used for affordable housing.</p> <p>The existing and traditional collectors cannot be used for affordable housing initiatives unless the designated recipient submits a complete application demonstrating the support of tourism stakeholders and accommodation providers. Another call is being arranged with the ministry to discuss the issue further.</p> <p>Joanne asked if we would receive all the MRDT as there is no affordable housing scheme in place and they confirmed that we will.</p>				
6.	<p>Alycia gave an update on Visitor Services with the following highlights:</p> <p>July long weekend was busy.</p> <p>June visitor interactions were 3,200 and over 7,000 people visited the bathroom.</p> <p>Lots of European visitors.</p> <p>Saturday Showcase information sessions are now occurring. Each week, a community member will present about wildlife and safety. These will include WildSafe, Grizzly Bear Refuge, and others.</p> <p>Double Black sales are going well.</p> <p>Rav asked about Sani-dump sales. These are picking up.</p> <p>Rav commented that we should discuss the Visitor Services revenue streams during the Strategic Planning session.</p>				
7.	<p>Rav discussed the Greyhounds announcement to cancel operations in Western Canada by end of October 2018. Rav is hoping that another operator will pick up the service. Joanne believes that TIABC will probably look at this.</p>				
8.	<p>Discussed the potential short list for RMI projects. Joanne gave an overview of past projects. The RMI committee meeting will be during September and any potential projects should be presented. Rav stated that he feels that the dike beautification should be included along with Phase II of the highway beautification.</p> <p>Joanne has asked Jon Wilsgard if funds could be used for hosting events, in particular for crew accommodation. He said yes but the funds may have to come out of the operational funds. This would mean that the Snowmobile and Cycle club trail funds would be reduced.</p> <p>Other projects that were mentioned included the Information Amenity Hub in Spirit Square and Interpretive signage for the Visitor Centre and the walking route from highway into the town.</p>				

	Board of Directors should have a think about potential projects and bring these ideas to the next board meeting.				
	Meeting adjourned at 2.20 pm.	Magi	Treena	ALL	
	Print Name: _____ Date: _____				