

Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, 26 July 2018, 7:30 pm

At SHaBean Coffee Roastery, 127 Haskin's Point Road, Seeley's Bay

Chamber members in attendance:

John Sideris,-Wing's Live Bait & Tackle

Tanya Hammond-Write Time

Terri Dawson-Green Gecko and LRC Rep

Liz Huff-Ward 2 Councillor & SBARA Rep

John Barker-SHaBean Coffee Roastery

Mary Whitney-SHaBean Coffee Roastery

Margaret Brand-Westport Review Mirror

Amy Kirkland Gan Chamber of Commerce

As well as some supporters of the Candidates were present.

The Chamber invited all the candidates for councillor in Ward 2, and candidates for Mayor of TLTI for the October municipal election to come to the meeting and give a brief, two-minute introduction of themselves. All candidates for mayor and councillor in Ward 2 (with the exception of Mark Jamison who was ill) were present.

Vice-President, John Sideris welcomed everyone.

1. Chamber Correspondence;

- a) John Sideris reported that work on keeping the Lyndhurst Legion open is continuing. He urged everyone to buy a Legion membership in support of efforts to keep the Legion operating.
- b) There is an official opening of the new Lyndhurst Community Storage Building on Wed. Aug 8 at 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

2. Guest Speakers:

All candidates introduced themselves.

- a) **Candidates for Councillor in Ward 2:**
 - (i) Bradley, Katie
 - (ii) Ohlke, Gordon

- (iii) Melgalas, Mel
- (iv) Liz Huff spoke briefly about Mark Jamison.

b) Candidates for Mayor:

- (i) Baptista, Joe
- (ii) Jackson, John Paul
- (iii) Liebe, Kurt
- (iv) Smith-Gatcke, Corinna

The Lyndhurst-Seeley's Bay & District Chamber is planing to host a Meet-the-Candidate evening in Late September. Details to follow.

Vice-president John Sideris spoke briefly about a few problems he has noted in our communities.

- a) In Lyndhurst, there are residents who do not have potable water.
- b) Seeley's Bay has very poor cell phone coverage that significantly restricts residents, business, and visitors' activities.
- c) Losing the banks in our communities has made life difficult for some businesses, Residents & Visitors alike.

1. June 2018 Minutes :

The June minutes of the Chamber meeting were presented by John Sideris. It was moved by Tanya Hammond and seconded by Mary Whitney that the minutes be adopted as read.

2. Treasurer's report:

Read By Tanya Hammond

Bank balance \$6,542.00.

The chamber has just received \$5,000.00 from the Township.

The Chamber bought 2 \$20 gift certificates for give-aways in celebration of the Seeley's Bay Medical Centre's 20th anniversary.

It was moved by Terri Dawson and seconded by Mary Whitney that the treasurer's report be adopted as read.

3. Web Site & Facebook:

Tanya Hammond encouraged all the political candidates to make their information and platform available to be shared on the Chamber facebook page.

4. **New Business:**

Liz Huff reported that our township council has authorized our CAO, Greg Borduas to enter into a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with LeBoat, a well-established European company that rents up-scale houseboats and has recently expanded into Canada, with respect to its business operations at the Seeley's Bay Marina. Le Boat has rented 2 spots in Seeley's Bay to serve as their southern satellite location. This is welcome news to many in Seeley's Bay, as the company will bring high-end tourists to the village.

Amy Kirkland of the Gan Chamber reported that she is working hard to meet the needs of the Chamber's members. She said their website is excellent and encouraged everyone to look at it. She also said the Gan Chamber is making digital marketing help available to its members.

5. The date of the next meeting of the Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District Chamber of Commerce will be:

23 Aug 2018 at the K & J Chip Truck by the Bay Motel at the Junction at 7 pm

6. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm