



EXECUTIVE MINUTES
Wednesday, August 1, 2018
Chamber Office

PRESENT: EJD Machacek LLP (Everett Duerksen), Jake Klassen Plumbing & Gasfitting (Lacey Klassen), Leonard Fast Barrister (Leonard Fast), Pollemans Homes & Rentals (John Pollemans), Sunny South News (Darlene van Schouwen), Van Rijn Electric Ltd. (Jack Van Rijn) and Coaldale & District Chamber of Commerce (Dixie McCarley)

1. **Call to Order**

President, Everett Duerksen, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

2. **Additions to/approval of Agenda**

Add: 6C – Cannabis

MOTION: Moved by John Pollemans, seconded by Jack Van Rijn, that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried

3. **Approval of Executive Minutes – June 6, 2018**

MOTION: Moved by Jack Van Rijn, seconded by Darlene van Schouwen, that the Executive Minutes of June 6, 2018 be approved as distributed. Carried

4. **Treasurer's Report**

a) **Financial Reports**

Lacey Klassen presented the Chamber's Profit and Loss YTD Comparison and Balance Sheet for the period ending July 31, 2018.

b) **Budget Comparison to Actual**

Executive advised that expenses should be even at year end. Everett Duerksen and Lacey will meet to discuss this further.

5. **Old Business:**

a) **Highway Signs**

Everett Duerksen advised that the Town is not interested in taking this project on. It doesn't seem feasible for the Chamber either -- anticipate that there will only be 2 to 3 businesses interested.

b) **Wellness – Sponsorship**

Leonard Fast advised that the Wellness Board is meeting this month and he will bring Speaker Series sponsorship forward.

- c) **Lease**
The Chamber does not have a signed lease with Chicken Feed Quilts. Dixie McCarley advised that the Chamber is currently paying \$550 per month which is higher than other tenants for an area that is smaller. After discussion, Dixie will contact Shannon Little to acquire workable copy of lease that the Wellness used for their tenants. Once received, changes will be made and lease sent to Leonard for his follow-up.
- d) **GIC's**
Executive was in consensus that GIC's be re-invested.
- MOTION: Moved by Leonard Fast, seconded by Darlene van Schouwen, that the Chambers investments be evenly split into both accounts. Carried
- Everett Duerksen will contact Terry Roosen when it gets back from vacation.
- e) **Town – Cheque – Supplies**
Cheque from the Town has not been received yet. Executive was in agreement that this money will be used to cover website/social media.
- f) **Website/Social Media**
Colleen Van Raalte has been invited to make presentation on Wednesday, August 15th at noon, Chamber office.

6. **New Business:**

- a) **Proxy - Lethbridge**
As the Coaldale Chamber will not be attending the Canadian Chambers AGM and Convention, we need to assign our proxy to another chamber who will be attending.
- MOTION: Moved by Leonard Fast, seconded by Lacey Klassen, that the Coaldale Chamber assign our chamber's proxy vote to the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce. Carried
- b) **Speaker Series – September 12**
Everett Duerksen advised that he had spoken to Beverly Thomson (North & Co.) and they are willing to provide lawyers to discuss cannabis on impact of businesses.
- The federal and provincial governments have passed it down to local communities. The Town has set a deadline in which to enact its own cannabis regulations. With the exception of Councilors Hohm and Pauls, all other Councillors and Mayor want to prohibit the sale and use of cannabis in our community.
- Discussion was held as to what role the Chamber should take. It was suggested that:
- bring to the attention of the membership Council's plan for cannabis sales in Coaldale;
 - cannabis be discussed at either a Board or General meeting on September 12th;
 - some Executive felt it should be restricted to a Board meeting; general membership unable to vote;

- send email to general membership asking them to submit written submission asking for their input (support and/or opposition); and
- if membership in agreement with selling cannabis, Chamber will send letter to Town.

Jack Van Rijn advised that the Town will be holding a public hearing sometime in September so there is some urgency in making a decision.

MOTION: Moved by Jack Van Rijn, seconded by Darlene van Schouwen, that Everett Duerksen send an email to general membership bringing to their attention the Town and Council's plans for cannabis sales potentially affecting future business in Coaldale. Carried (In Favor: Lacey Klassen, Leonard Fast, Darlene van Schouwen and Jack Van Rijn. Abstained John Pollemans)

- c) **Cannabis**
Refer to 6b) above.

7. **Next Executive Meeting** – September 4, 2018

8. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Everett Duerksen, President

Leonard Fast, Corporate Secretary