

Parrsboro and District Board of Trade - Annual General Meeting Minutes

March 28th 2016

Call to Order at 7:40pm

Introduction of Bill Casey MP, Lisa Ward and Robert Moore (Executive Director Parrsboro Creative)

22 People in attendance. 17 were members. Quorum met.

Bill's Presentation: MP expenses since his last time in office are much better regulated and public is more protected. Crux of his presentation is the struggle of rural Canada. Parrsboro has more going for it than any other community in the riding. Ottawa house is a fascinating piece of history to have here (Sir Charles Tupper's cottage). His house in Amherst is sitting for sale, and it's the people that make the difference. Parrsboro Band, Age of Sail, all of these continue because of the community and volunteers. The people make the difference. Parrsboro Creative, Parrsboro Welcome Refugees are excellent new examples of this. Immigration Minister is doing a great job getting refugees here without issue. Wonderful that rural Canada reached out to refugees the way they have, but this was made possible by a strong community. Arts community is under rated as it is immensely strong part of community.

Tidal power and what is happening with FORCE is one of the most important things happening right now and the potential power that can come from this is incredible. Bill met with four of five proponents of this project and is amazed by the obstacles they have overcome. The commitment from investors and entrepreneurs to harness the tides is of huge impact and fascinating. A lot of competition will come from this and Bill will do anything he can to help this town be the primary service point for the project. Bill then read excerpts from the budget. Many of the main thrusts of the budget are relevant to the alternative, clean and innovative technology and energy generated from tidal power. This tidal project is an opportunity for Canada to become an innovator in tidal power.

This area has a lot of history. Acadian village of Beaubassin founded in 1672 was burned down in 1750 and we didn't know anything about it until 15 years ago when it was found. Found 7000 artifacts since and the dig and search is still ongoing. They figure further 10 000 artifacts there. 53 foundations of buildings found. When it was burnt down in 1750 the British build Fort Lawrance. Bill talks about the British working their way from Amherst to Tatamagouche, and then razing all Acadian settlements to the ground from Tatamagouche to Masstown, Portapigou, Moose River, Parrsboro, Maccan and back to Amherst. This demarcates the expulsion of the Acadians from this area. Bill's hope is that a trail in museums can be established to note this tragedy trail and Parks Canada has shown significant interest in getting behind this project. This is a real possibility to boost tourism, and tourism is a huge aspect of the economic well being of

this area.

Questions were asked in relation to the needs of the tidal servicers we can attempt to satisfy, rebuilding the wharf and business loand. Bill suggests the Harbour commission not build a smaller wharf but instead apply to the government to build it 'right.'

Meeting moves on and executive is introduced.

Minutes from previous AGM distributed. Approved as circulated (Ross/Jacquie Wilson) All in Favour.

The President's Report was read and well recieved by the membership. David's letter to the members re: succession is read to the audience.

Treasurer's report: The report was accepted as circulated (Johannes/Doug Wilson) All in favour.

Lyle Yorke Presented with the LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD form President David Beattie. Long standing entrepreneur in Parrsboro and supporter of not only the Board of Trade but the Town as a whole.

Junior Achievement Award presented by President David Beattie. Certificates presented to all.

(David will Email their Names)

Events Report presented by Lori and attached as schedule C.

Special Business:

1. New By-laws approved. (Colin/Ross) All in Favour.
2. New Logo adopted. (Ross/Jaquie) All in Favour.

Nomination Committee:

Directors: Doug Wilson, Taylor Redmond, Nadine Findlay, Lori Lynch, David Beattie, Johannes Heisburger, Thomas MaLaren. Directors will meet soonafter the meeting to form the executive.

Adjournment by motion of Dr. Mary Irene Parker.