

Minutes of the Meeting
Carman and Community Chamber
of Commerce
October 11th, 2022- 12:00pm

Present In Person:

Jodi Winkler, Mayghan McEachern, Dale Reimer, Sheena Nakonechny, Scott Johnston, Deb Russell, Cor Lodder, Ken Reimer, Marie Robson, and Tracey Falk,

Via Zoom:

Carmen Fotheringham, Ty Dillello, Tyler King, Carly Boklaschuk, Jeanne Karlenzig, and Mark Summers.

1. Call to order:

Scott Johnston called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made to all in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayghan McEachern moved to accept the October agenda as circulated – Cor Lodder Seconded – Carried

4. Community Reports:

Community Groups- None Submitted

Director of Economic Development – Tyler King

- Storefront Grant receipts are due by December 1st, 2022 for all of the recipients of the grant this year.
- Tyler spoke on economic development to the kids at the CF Kids Biz Camp in Portage this month.
- Central Manitoba Tourism will be awarding their 2022 awards at a luncheon later this month.
- Tyler will attend an economic development conference in Winnipeg next week.

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Sheena Nakonechny

Fall Programming is about to start:

- The RINK Power skating starts November 7th and runs every other Monday – there are 3 spots for U11Major/U13 left still remaining.
- My Gym is Back – 6 classes Monday and Wednesday starting November 14th and running until November 30th. The cost is \$139.00. Register online.
- Splashpad and Campground and now closed for the season.
- Free fall clean up kits for the community are available for pick up at the Recreation office. Monday to Friday between 8:30am-4:30pm. The kits were provided by recycle everywhere and include a set of gloves, a garbage bag and a recycle bag.

Community Restorative Justice Committee Presentation- Deb Russell and Marie Robson

- As Attached

5. Approval of Minutes:

Mayghan McEachern moved to accept the minutes of the September 13th, 2022 meeting as circulated. Dale Reimer seconded – Carried

6. Financial Report:

The balance in the ACU chequing account as of October 11th 2022 is \$32917.66. The Chamber buck account balance is \$7819.48 and the Business Support Fund account balance is \$13239.64. Mayghan McEachern moved to accept the October financials as circulated. Cor Lodder Seconded- Carried

- Review of Notice to Reader of the 2021 financials as completed by Alex George
- Motion was made by Dale Reimer to approve payment of \$3112.48 to Jodi Winkler, as per her Executive Director Agreement. Jodi receives a bonus of 10% of the expanded income year over year. Mayghan McEachern Seconded. Carried
- Review of the 2022 Golf financials as circulated.
- Cor Lodder made a motion to donate \$2800, half of the profits from the Pro-Am golf tournament to Carman Golf and Curling Club for their junior golf and curling programs. Mayghan McEachern Seconded- Carried

7. Chamber Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

Due to the lack of committee members, the membership committee will not be able to make calls to every member this year. Instead, the committee will be sending out a brief membership survey which businesses are encouraged to complete. The committee will look to recruit new members for 2023.

8. President's Report- Marni Harrison

- October Report Attached

9. Executive Director's Report - Jodi Winkler

- October Report Attached

10. Chamber Business Old and New

- **Burger Week 2022** was a huge success and congratulations to the Carman Golf Course restaurant for being chosen as the Burger Week, Burger of the Year.
- **All Candidates Forum** was held at the Carman Collegiate Community Theater on Thursday, September 29th, 2022. Thank you to all of the candidates for their attendance at this event. There was a large crowd and the evening was very well received by the general public. We look forward to the results of the Municipal election on October 26th, 2022.
- **Larry Stout Work and Western Wear** will be closing on October 29th. Larry is retiring after over 38 years in business. The Chamber will be hosting a retirement Meet and Greet on October 20th from 5:30-7:30 at Larry's business. We hope to see you there and join us as we wish Larry well on his retirement.
- **Career Fair** will be held at the Carman Collegiate on Wednesday, November 16th. To date there are 17 businesses registered to attend the event. There is still space available if you would like to attend.
- **Holiday Hoopla** will be held on December 8th. More information will be sent to members in the coming weeks.

11. Round Table Discussion

- Peace Lily Therapeutics will be hosting mini aroma classes as well as guided mediation groups. Registration can be done through GPAC and there are still spots available.
- Carman Kinette's One Stop Shop in the Hall will take place on Saturday, November 19th at the Carman Community Hall.
- GPAC concert series continues this month with a concert on Friday, October 14th.
- Toews Printing will be hosting a Funtober Festival Market at their business on Saturday, October 15th.
- Boyne River Keepers together with the Dufferin Ag Society will be hosting A Night of Laughs on December 3rd at the Active Living center. Contact the Ag Society to reserve your table.

12. Next Meeting – November 8th, 2022 – Memorial Hall and Zoom

13. Motion made by Dale Reimer to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm

Carman Community Restorative Justice Committee (CJC) Report

“A Community Justice Committee is a group of citizen volunteers representing their community who work in partnership with Manitoba Justice and law enforcement to provide justice services in their community. It is a group of community people concerned about making their community a safe and healthy place to live.” pg.12

Overview

- First committee was formed in Carman in 1982
- Serving Carman, Elm Creek, Graysville, Roland and the RMs of Dufferin, Grey, Thompson and Roland.
- Authorized under Section 18 of the Criminal Code and designated yearly by the Attorney General of Manitoba. Also funded provincially.
- Restorative Justice provides an alternative process for resolving social and criminal conflict in the community. Instead of all conflicts leading to criminal charges and court, some are referred to community justice committees. The offender then has the option of taking the referral or remaining within the court system.
- Referrals come from RCMP or Courts to the Provincial Correctional Services Division/Restorative Justice. This department then decides whether a case is appropriate for our CJC committee.
- “As per the Provincial Screening criteria, the following ...offenses may not be considered for a CJC referral: homicide, driving, firearms, sexual offenses, child abuse or neglect, criminal harassment or gang activity.” pg. 38

The Community Justice Committee

- The committee can have up to 14 members.
- Ideally, the committee would represent a cross section of members from all the area we serve. We do not have a full complement of members so are actively looking for volunteers.
- Community groups can appoint members. We would welcome any interested Chamber members.
- All committee members must submit a completed/verified Criminal Records Check and an Adult & Child Abuse Registry Check.
- All CJC members take an Oath of Confidentiality, which forbids them from talking about individual cases with anyone outside the committee and the people directly involved with the case.

The Restorative Justice Process

Righting the Wrong - Repairing the Harm: to the victim, self and community

- “All the processes used by CJC’s have two things in common. They give the victim and the young person or accused an opportunity to describe the incident and its impact, and they require that the young person or accused undertake actions to make right the wrong that has been committed.” pg. 39
- The Carman Community Justice Committee pamphlet, which you will all receive, gives details of righting the wrong for the victim, the offender and the community.
- The conditions for restoration and sanctions put in place are thoughtful and specific to the client and offense committed. Input may come from the victim and the offender.
- If/when sanctions are met, the committee signs off with the Justice Department.
- If the offender fails to comply with the sanctions ordered by the Committee, the case is referred back to the crown for consideration of prosecution.

Why we need YOU!

- “The term Community Capacity Building refers to a range of activities which mobilize community members to take pro-active roles in preventing and resolving crime and conflict in their neighbourhoods or communities.” pg. 10
- Community Service may be one part of the restoration process for an offender, but it is NOT meant to be punitive.
- It is a way to foster a positive connection with community and possibly build capacity and skills.
- Connections are key to building positive relationships and reducing the chance of further incidents.
- Any person accepted by a community placement is covered by Worker’s Compensation.
- Community placements respect the confidentiality of the individual. Managers/owners will not be aware of the offence committed. Encouraging employees to welcome the ‘volunteer’ and create relationships is the ideal.

Restorative Justice involves a shift in thinking. The focus moves away from punishment toward repairing the harm done to victims and offenders and to the community. Research shows that this approach provides greater victim satisfaction, lower rates of repeat offences and a greater chance of those who offend being re-integrated into the community.

President’s Report- October Meeting

Hello everyone,

Thanks to all the restaurants that participated in Burger Week, and to everyone that tried the burgers out! This event continues to be a highlight for the community, and we appreciate all the effort that it takes.

A big thanks to Jodi for organizing, Scott for moderating, and Kelly for being the runner at the Town and RM forum. This is a very important event that the Chamber runs to ensure that all the candidates have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

Moving forward we continue to be busy. Our Career Fair with the Collegiate is in planning stages and is scheduled for November 16. Please keep in mind, though this is a great avenue to start promoting summer employment, the event is in place for long term planning and to engage with students who may become full time employees and key persons in your business in 2/5/10 years time depending on the post secondary requirements to fulfill your roles. We have heard loud and clear that attracting employees is a struggle, so here is a great opportunity to tell our youth what opportunities are available to them in Carman for their adulthood.

We also are working on our Awards night, details to come, however do start thinking of who you consider a deserving nominee.

Finally, our executive is getting stretched thin, with little involvement from other directors/members on our committees. We would like to remind everyone that they do not need to be a director to be on our committees, and without added hands and voices, some activities and events may not be able to occur. Our membership committee did not have enough voices to make our annual call-outs. Please look for the survey we have sent, as your input is of great importance. In that survey, there is the option to have a phone call with the membership committee. We are happy to talk – any time of the year.

I am sorry for my absence today, and look forward to seeing you in November.

Marni

Executive Director Report-October Meeting

Happy Fall!

I am so glad that I live in a world with Octobers! I think it might be my favorite month.

As I look back on the month since my last report, I am reminded of how busy the past month was, but at the same time I am overwhelmed with the sense of community that was felt throughout September.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to all of the committee, sponsors, attendees, restaurants, community groups and entertainers that were involved in the Car-WO-Men in Business event that was held at Ryall Park on Saturday, September 10th. The venue was amazing, the weather was perfect and the evening could not have been any more magical. The sense of community was incredible and celebration of all of our past and present Women in business could not have been better. A special thank you to the members of the band, TKO, for their willingness to entertain our crowd into the wee hours of the night. Thank you to Nine Lives Fashions and Knockabouts for collaborating on a very entertaining fashion show and to our local restaurants for providing the most delicious assortment of appetizers and desserts for the event. Hats off to the Carman Fire Department, Back on Cue Theatre group and the Carman Kinette Club for their assistance in orchestrating the serving of food and beverages. The sponsorships from various businesses were greatly appreciated and we thank you for partnering with us to make this event happen. We look forward to finding a safe place for the stories that were compiled for this event and hope to share these stories with the public in the very near future. If you were not able to submit your story for the celebration, it is not too late, as we would love to add your bio to our growing book of stories.

On September 24th, the Chamber and the Boyne River Keepers collaborated with many other community groups to host World River Day! This was a fun, family filled day of activities with the focus being on our beautiful Boyne River! The BRK organized a poker derby on the water. It was reported that there were over 55 vessels that participated in this portion of the day! After participants completed the derby, they headed to Ryall Park, where there was a market, booths of MANY community groups, games for the kids, OI' Smokeys food cart, and a treasure hunt through the business district. Thank you to all of the kiddos that participated in this treasure hunt and congratulations to the winners of the treasure! Many of the storefront businesses held sidewalk sales and customers were eligible to enter to win one of 3 draws for Chamber Bucks! Congrats to these three winners as well!

The THIRD annual Burger Week was held the week of September 26th-October 2nd, 2022. Thank you to the eight restaurants that participated in this event and CONGRATULATIONS to the Carman Golf Course on being named the 2022 Burger Week, Burger of the Year!

The Chamber was host to an All-Candidates Forum on Thursday, September 29th, 2022. Municipal Candidates from the Town of Carman and the RM of Dufferin were invited to participate in this debate. Thank you to the public for attending and to the candidates for your participation. A special thanks to Scott Johnston for moderating the event and to Kelly Dyck for his assistance that evening.

I am still working on the final onboarding phase of our new membership platform and I look forward to sharing this with all of you in the very near future. Stay tuned for some great new benefits to your membership!

Plans for the next month include a Meet and Greet, Career Fair at the Collegiate and the rollout of our new website!

Don't forget to VOTE on October 26th!

Sincerely,

Jodi Winkler, Executive Director, Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce