

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

Present In Person:

Jodi Winkler, Cor Lodder, Scott Johnston, Brian Maxwell, Ken Reimer, Mayghan McEachern, Lauren Stone, Trish Middleton, Jean Karlenzig, Richard Dyck, Tyler King, Opeymi Akindiose, Christine Wilton and Marni Harrison.

Via Zoom:

Dean North, Carmen Fotheringham, Tracy Enns, Kathy Klassen, Nancy Swain, Trevor Klassen, and Faye Harms.

1. Call to order:

Marni Harrison called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made to all in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Scott Johnston moved to accept the June agenda as circulated – Cor Lodder Seconded – Carried

4. Community Reports:

Community Groups-

DAS- Presented by Trish Middleton

- The Ag Society is planning a full fair for July 7th-9th, 2022
Plans for a Heavy Horse Show, Cattle Show, 4-H Shows and Mini Show are all underway.
The Exhibit Hall is accepting entries and the dining hall will be open in the arena this year.
They plan to host a beer garden with entertainment and a demo derby and barrel race on Saturday.
The midway is back and will be open for all 3 days of the fair.
Volunteers are desperately needed. Contact the DAS if you would like to be involved.

Back On Cue Theater Group- As Attached

Communities in Bloom- As Attached

Community Futures Heartland- As Attached

Director of Economic Development – Tyler King

- Tyler attended the Community Futures national conference in Ottawa at the beginning of June.
- There will be a social media influencer coming to Carman at the end of June. He will be visiting various attractions in Carman as part of a Travel Manitoba program.
- Carman visitors guide has been distributed
- The Youth Job center will be opening in Carman very soon.

Town of Carman – Richard Dyck

- The Carman Fair will take place in July and the council has approved the closing of King's Park Road for this event. They have also provided a community endorsement letter for the Beer Gardens.
- A new generator for the community hall has been purchased and will arrive soon.
- A mower for the airport was also purchased.

- Municipal elections will take place on October 26th, 2022. Nominations for Mayor and Council will open on May 1st and June 30th respectfully. Nominations will close on September 15th, 2022.
- Council bootcamp will take place on November 14th and 15th for all new and re-elected council members.
- Another Hallmark Movie is being filmed in Carman from June 15th-17th, 2022.
- Road construction will take place from Ryall Park bridge to Highway 245. This construction will start soon and will take the majority of the summer to complete.

RM of Dufferin- No Report

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Submitted by Sheena Nakonechny

- The pool has opened for the season.
- Pool Passes can be purchased at the pool during the day and evening.
- Female Development with THE RINK will be back this fall, Registration opens Friday June 17th at 7:00am.
- There are still available spots for Day Camp. Registration is available online.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Brian Maxwell moved to accept the minutes of the May 10th, 2022 meeting as amended. Scott Johnston seconded - Carried

6. Financial Report:

The balance in the ACU chequing account as of June 14th 2022 is \$50535.31. The Chamber buck account balance is \$10154.88 and the Business Support Fund account balance is \$13133.04.

Scott Johnston moved to accept the June financials as circulated. Cor Lodder Seconded- Carried

Brian Maxwell moved to accept the revised May financials as presented. Scott Johnston seconded- Carried.

7. Chamber Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

The membership committee has followed up with all outstanding memberships and are happy to report that all 2022 memberships have been paid. The committee will now break for the summer and will resume meeting again in the fall.

Golf Committee:

The golf committee will host the Chamber Golf Tournament next week and the Access Credit Union Pro Am tournament in August. Thank you to all of the businesses that have sponsored these tournaments and the committee looks forward to seeing all of the golfers at these events this summer.

Women in Business Event:

This one-time event will be held in Ryall Park on Saturday September 10th, 2022. The committee is looking to secure tents for the event before proceeding with further plans. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event which will highlight present and past female business owners in our community.

8. President's Report- Marni Harrison

- June Report Attached

9. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

- June Report Attached

10. Chamber Business Old and New

- **Poutine Week** was a great success. Congratulations to Big Willy's on being voted as the Poutine Week winner for 2022.
- **Meet and Greet**- was held at TRS on Thursday, May 26th from 5:30-7:30. Thank you to Dale and his staff for their hospitality and thank you to all of those that were able to attend this event.
- **Chamber Golf Tournament**- June 23rd- Enter your team today!
- **Wheels Car Show in King's Park**- June 26th, 2022
- **Carman Fair Parade**- July 9th at 10am. Enter your float today!

11. Round Table Discussion

12. Next Meeting – September 13th, 2022 – Memorial Hall and Zoom

13. Motion made by Scott Johnston to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 pm

Community Group Reports

Back On Cue Theater

Back on Cue Theatre hosted two performances of Hello, Dolly! at the Carman Collegiate Community Theatre on June 3rd and 4th. Hello, Dolly! was performed by The Dramatic Theatre Company, a theatre group based out of Winnipeg.

This was a successful fundraising effort to help raise money for Back on Cue Theatre. Back on Cue is excited to put on a play this fall, after a three-year hiatus. The group is in the process of choosing a script and will be holding auditions in the following weeks.

Back on Cue Theatre is a not-for-profit group and was able to contribute to Boyne Regional Library, Christmas Cheer board, Back Door Youth Centre, Golden Prairie Arts Council and the Carman Collegiate Nutrition Program with the funds raised in 2019.

Communities in Bloom

Here is an update on CIB activities: (we have a membership of 24 to date)

1.) Canada/Manitoba "**Year of the Garden**": (in place of yearly competition)

a.) CIB rec'd \$2000 from Southern Health's Healthy Living Grant. The project is called "Grow a Gardner" facilitated by Julie Ruban McDonald. Julie will find multi generational gardeners (Max 8) to plant, grow & harvest vegetables & flowers in 2 plots in the Community Garden. Flowers will be made into bouquets and delivered to senior citizens. Excess vegetables will be delivered to the food stands. In Sept. a "Big Lunch" will be planned & cooked with vegetables from the garden. Educational speakers will come to speak on various topics such as: bugs, earth, food, flowers. The Carman Junior Gardner's will be invited to join in on the presentations.

b.) Yard of the Week:

Judges are in place to start judging in June. Winners will be selected during 4 weeks in July. Winners will receive a special certificate of recognition, a gift basket and a custom-made sign in their front yard. The Standard and CIB Facebook page are ready to do full coverage with the homeowner's permission

There will also be property recognition in Dufferin (as we are called C/D CIB) private, public & cemetery.

2.) **Boyneside Park:**

... is unfolding beautifully. A tremendous number of hours from dedicated CIB (& community) volunteers are turning this once vacant eyesore into a very inviting neighbourhood park. Take a look for yourselves. You will be amazed! Grand opening is planned for Sept/2022.

3.) **Main Street Planters:**

CIB was successful in receiving a Carman Foundation grant for \$3,000. This money was used to buy 6 more pots for Main Street. They are being placed this week and look very lovely.

4.) **Beautifying 1st St SW:**

Cement Planters from the Main Street are now being recycled onto the business section & will be filled with flowers. Upgrades to some areas are being considered for beautification ie) parking lot between Toews Printing & MMJS building. A work in progress....

It is inspiring for CIB to be able to foster a positive working relationship with the Town of Carman, Dufferin Municipality, Carman Chamber, Boyne River Keepers, Carman Junior Gardeners, & Community Gardens, because it really will enhance the quality of life and the environment in our community. What a way to create community pride!

Community Futures Heartland

Community Futures Heartland's mandate is to encourage entrepreneurship and small businesses in our region. We have 4 staff and we cover 13 RM's, which are; Stanley, Pembina, Roland, Thompson, Lorne, Dufferin, Grey, North Norfolk, Norfolk Treherne, Victoria, Westlake Gladstone, Glenella-Lansdowne, Alonsa, and the cities of Portage la Prairie, Winkler, Morden, and the Town of Carman. We began our operations in 1993, and are funded through PrairiesCan. We have 13 board members and customize our activities to suit the local need.

- 1.) If the Chamber is looking at any type of training, let us know and we can tap into our resources to assist with bringing knowledge and skills to our workforce and entrepreneurs.
- 2.) Carman Kids Business Camp is running August 15-19. If you would like to take the kids on a tour of your business, let Ken Reimer know and we can arrange the outing. Also, please come to the Farmers Market on August 19 to see what business and products the kids have created. We still have a few spots left if you wish to register your child.
- 3.) Stay up to date with our Social Media platforms.
 - a. Website: www.cfheartland.ca
 - b. Twitter: @CFHeartland
 - c. Instagram: CF Heartland
 - d. Facebook: Community Futures Heartland
- 4.) Come visit us at the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to meet our staff and enter our draws.
- 5.) Concerned about rising interest rates? Our business loans have a fixed interest rate for the entire term, so you know what your payment will be every month, for the duration of the loan.

President's Report- June Meeting

Hi all!

I hope I am not being too presumptuous to assume that we have made it through Spring...

Thanks to TRS for serving up some delicious burgers last month, it was great to be outside at a BBQ!

I am very much looking forward to all the face to face gathering opportunities we will have in Carman this summer.

Don't forget to enter your parade float and register your golf teams!!!

As economic times become more stressful for many, please remember our Business Support Fund for our members who may struggle with increasing costs and adjustments to their business plan.

Also – we have hit a few speed bumps, but are still very excited to tell the story of Female Entrepreneurship in Carman. We have a long history, and it is an exciting story to share. Please send us yours (200-300 words), or let us know if you would like a volunteer story teller to give you a call and draft it for you!

I hope everyone has something to look forward to this summer season!

Take care, Marni.

Executive Director Report-June Meeting

CONGRATULATIONS TO BIG WILLY'S! Chad and his staff were voted as the winner of Poutine Week 2022. A HUGE thank you to all of the food establishments that participated in this event and thank you to all of you for ordering, eating and voting for your favorite creation! Hats off to Boyne River Irrigators who sponsored the event as well as Leanne Doell Photography and Kaleigh Rae XO for your amazing photography and social media skills. This annual event has proven to be a community favorite and will hopefully continue for many years to come. Chad will be presented with our one-of-a-kind trophy in the coming weeks!

As of late, the Chamber event calendar is PACKED with exciting events.

Thank you to Dale and the staff at TRS Truck Shop for hosting our first, very well attended, Meet and Greet since 2019. Many members were able to stop by, and the weather and refreshments were both wonderful. I look forward to working with other members interested in hosting an after-hours mixer at their business.

Unfortunately, the Farmer's Market Kick Off that was planned for June 17th had to be cancelled/postponed due to a conflict with the movie that is being filmed in Carman that same week. The committee and I are looking for alternate dates to host an event such as this.

The Chamber Golf Tournament will be held at the beautiful Carman Golf course on June 23rd, 2022. We are still looking for teams to join us on the course for this fun afternoon of golf and networking. It is not too late to register your team, sponsor a hole or donate a prize! Tee off times will start around 12:00 noon and we can accommodate your requests if you would like to tee off later in the afternoon. Feel free to contact me for more information or to enter your team today!

The Chamber is partnering with Wheels Car Club for the Show in the Park on June 26th, 2022. Come down to King's Park between 1:00pm and 4:00pm and see all of these incredible cars on display. There will also be music and refreshments available, so plan to make an afternoon of it!

The Carman Fair Parade hosted by the Chamber will take place on July 9th starting at 10am. The parade route will look a little different this year, but we are in line to have as many floats as previous years, so enter your float today and plan to attend. This is a great way to advertise your business and support a community event! Enter through our website at www.carmanchamber.ca.

As mentioned at the May meeting, the Chamber will be implementing a new membership platform, which I hope to have in place by early fall. I will be working on this transition throughout the summer, so stay tuned for some great new benefits to your membership!

I would also like to send a thank you to the Executive and directors for their willingness to invest in my time as Executive Director. With the addition of hours to my work week, I plan to keep our Chamber moving in the right direction and I look forward to working even harder to build our business community.

Thanks again for your engagement in Chamber activities and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces at many of these coming events very soon! Enjoy the summer!

Jodi Winkler

Executive Director, Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce