

Minutes of the Meeting
Carman and Community Chamber
of Commerce
September 13th, 2022- 12:00pm

Present In Person:

Jodi Winkler, Mayghan McEachern, Richard Dyck, Marni Harrison, Shannon Martin, Maxine Toews, Dale Reimer, Sheena Nakonechny and Opeymi Akindiose.

Via Zoom:

Carmen Fotheringham, Trevor Klassen, Faye Harms, Trish Middleton, Marilyn Smith, and Mark Summers.

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

Dale Reimer moved to accept the September agenda as circulated – Mayghan McEachern Seconded
– Carried

4. Community Reports:

Community Groups- None Submitted

Director of Economic Development – Tyler King – No Report

Town of Carman – Richard Dyck

- The Water Tower was saved from demo, and all options to restore this landmark have been explored. The cost of restoration will exceed \$100 00, therefore it will now be sold for scrap and the lot will be put up for Tender.
- The paving on 1st St has now been completed.
- More lots in the Industrial Park have been sold.
- The Trussell Bridge is in need of replacement and council will look into cost and options for this project in the near future.
- Construction on Main Street was due to multiple water main breaks throughout the year and 2/3 of the project was covered but Water Conservation. The company working on the project will return in the coming weeks to repave what was torn up to complete the work.
- The existing building of the library has been cleaned and this has made a huge improvement in the exterior of the building. This project was completed with the assistance of grants from the Heritage Society.
- Municipal election will be held on Wednesday, October 26th, 2022.

RM of Dufferin- No Report

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Sheena Nakonechny

- Fall Programming is about to start:
 - o Dog Obedience – Starts September 13th, for 6 weeks.
 - o Fit in 30 with Tiffany – Starts Wednesday Sept 21st, for 6 weeks.
 - o Babysitter’s Course – Starts Oct 1st – 5 more spots are still available and registration is open
 - o Aquafit at the Hotel – Starts October 4th – Registration opens September 20th at 9:00am.
 - o Goalie Clinic with TM Goaltending – Starts October 21st and runs every other Friday. Registration is open with still a lot of spots available.

- The RINK – Power skating – Starts Nov 7th - Every other Monday - 3 spots for U11Major/U13 left.
- It was a great season at the Carman Dufferin Pool, with protocols being back to normal. There were 1262 kids registered for Swimming Lessons this year.
- Carman Dufferin Campground booked out 2200-night stays.
- Carman Summer Day Camp average 19 kids per day.
- The Splash Pad is currently still open, and will close depending on the weather.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Mayghan McEachern moved to accept the minutes of the June 14th, 2022 meeting as circulated. Carmen Fotheringham seconded - Carried

6. Financial Report:

The balance in the ACU chequing account as of September 13th 2022 is \$48664.42. The Chamber buck account balance is \$8310.98 and the Business Support Fund account balance is \$13196.44. Dale Reimer moved to accept the September financials as circulated. Mayghan McEachern Seconded- Carried

7. Chamber Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

The membership committee will reconvene soon with the plan to begin yearly calls. This committee is always looking for new members to help lighten the call load.

Golf Committee:

The golf committee hosted two very successful tournaments this year. The committee thanks all sponsors and golfers for their support of these annual events.

Women in Business Event:

This one-time event was held in Ryall Park on Saturday September 10th, 2022. The evening was a huge success and the committee has had many compliments on the event. Thank you to all of those that attended and to the sponsors for their support.

8. President's Report- Marni Harrison

- September Report Attached

9. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

- September Report Attached

10. Chamber Business Old and New

- **Larry Stout Work and Western Wear** will be closing on October 29th. Larry is retiring after over 38 years in business. The Chamber will look to host a retirement meet and greet for Larry before he closes.

- **Dean North** recently won a senior men's golf title. Congrats Dean!

- **Cor Lodder** recently celebrated 45 years with Walinga. Congratulations on this milestone.

- **Peace Lily Therapeutics** continues to host their Artesian Market every Wednesday evening.

Mayghan will also be hosting fall classes and workshops and registration for these is through GPAC.

- **Homestead Co-op** Fuel Good Day will be held on September 20th, 2022. 10 cents from every liter sold on this day will go to three chosen not for profit groups. Two of them are in Carman. Midland Nursery School and Carman Elementary School ACSL. Be sure to fuel up in support of these organizations.

- **CIBC Run for the Cure** will take place in October and the Carman Branch is raising funds through and in branch raffle. Please stop in and purchase your tickets in support of this worthy cause.
- **Terry Fox Run** will take place in Carman on Sunday, September 25th.
- **GPAC** concert series continues with a concert on September 29th, 2022.
- It is Smile Cookie Week at **Tim Horton's Carman**.

11. Round Table Discussion

12. Next Meeting – October 11th, 2022 – Memorial Hall and Zoom

13. Motion made by Dale Reimer to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 pm

President's Report- September Meeting

Thanks to all of our sponsors this year. Both for our golf tournaments, and for our Car-Wo-man celebration.

We appreciate the additional support you provide to the Chamber, allowing us to further provide services to all membership.

Speaking of membership, our membership committee will be regrouping shortly, and many hands make light work! If you would like the opportunity to network with your chamber colleagues, this is likely the best opportunity to do so. We meet once a month (Sept - Dec) and you will also get a monthly calling list with speaking notes.

For all membership, please take time to reflect on what you would like the Chamber to continue on with in the upcoming year, and any suggestions for change or new ideas...that is what our membership calls are all about, ensuring that we are providing value to your business.

Take care, Marni.

Executive Director Report-June Meeting

Wow! What a whirlwind of a summer!

I hope that you were able to enjoy some time at your favorite lake, cabin or campground this summer. Our family enjoyed MANY weekends at various locations and we enjoyed every minute of it. Summer was great, but I will say that I love the feeling of fall and the daily routines that come with it.

Summer was a buzz with Chamber activity.

The Chamber Golf tournament in June was a great success! We had 110 golfers join us on the course for this fun filled, beautiful day! Thank you to all of our sponsors for this tournament, all of the golfers that took part in the day, and to the Carman Golf Course for their hospitality!

The Carman Country Fair parade was the best one yet! From the Pipe band, to the mascots, to the Heavy Horse team, the parade was spectacular! We had just over 100 floats entered, and as the last float was leaving the marshal area, the pipe band was coming back through the fair grounds.

We appreciate all of the entries that we received and all of the spectators that gathered to watch. Thank you to Kelly and Scott for your assistance in orchestrating this event. Congratulations to the Dufferin Ag Society on another successful fair and we look forward to 2023.

The Access Credit Union Pro Am Golf tournament was held on August 26th, at the Carman Golf Course. There were 21 teams, with pros from across the province visiting our community. A huge thank you to Access Credit Union for partnering with the Chamber to host this event and thank you to the sponsors for their continued support as we host these golfers in our community. Congratulations to Devon Schade and Darren McMillan, the winners of the Pro's Purse at this tournament.

MANY hours of planning have gone into our Car-WO-Men in Business event that will be held at Ryall Park this Saturday! If you have not purchased your ticket yet, do so quickly. They are going fast! We are looking forward to an evening of celebration, appetizers, cocktails, a fashion show, the revival of the local 90's band TKO, and of course hearing from various Women entrepreneurs in our community. Again, we thank our sponsors and I will be sure to give you a full report at the meeting on Tuesday!

Mark your calendars for September 24th, as the Chamber and the Boyne River Keepers collaborate with many other community groups to host World River Day, a fun, family filled day of activities with the focus being on our beautiful Boyne River! The BRK are organizing a poker derby on the water, where attendees will kayak or canoe to the various stations to obtain their cards. After participants have completed this, they will then have to hand in their hand at Ryall Park, where there will be a market, booths of MANY community groups, games for the kids, Ol' Smokeys food cart, and a treasure hunt through the business district. I am also working with our storefront businesses on a day of sidewalk sales! All of this excitement in the downtown area will be great after a long summer of construction and road restrictions!

I have also been busy working with Membee, as the Chamber has begun implementing a new membership platform. I have been working on this transition throughout the summer, with plans to have everything in place by late October. Stay tuned for some great new benefits to your membership!

For those of you in the field, I hope that harvest is going well.

For those of you with kidlets heading back to school, I hope that you enjoyed a great summer together and are excited for what the new school year may bring.

For the rest of you, I hope that you had time to relax and take a step back from the craziness of everyday life.

I look forward to many exciting events this fall and hope to see you at a few of them. Thank you for your support as we work together to build our business community.

Sincerely,

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