

Barrhead & District Chamber of Commerce

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 19th, 2024

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Barrhead Regional Fire services

1. Call to Order : 12:06

- Josh Kelly, Rita Foster, Michelle Rau, Dave Sawatzky, Steven DeVries, Anthony Oswald, Garrett Axani, Debbie Miller, Cory Robideau, Jackie Parks, Jody Vanderzouwen, Sandy Doucet, Lynda Leng, Jenny Bruns, Diane Magill, Trisha Enman

2. Additions to the Agenda

- None

3. Adoption of Agenda - Dave Sawatzky

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- *September 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes* – Jackie Parks
- *June 2024 General Meeting Minutes* – just lunch, no meeting minutes

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Speaker: Barrhead Employment Agency: Jackie and Jody

- Located just north of FCSS
- Work with both employers and individuals looking for work
- Provide individuals the tools they need to be successful in the workplace/future work place
- Would like businesses in town who are hiring to reach out and share the available positions.

7. Financial Update – Michelle

- 57880.25, 3025.00 for Nearlandia golf tournament
- Will lend out debit machine to not-for-profits

8. Committee Reports

- *Advertising/Marketing – Kristine & Megan*
 - i. Chamber website, hoping to launch at October meeting.
- *Economic Development – Dave*
 - i. Nothing to report
- *Membership – Shannon*
 - i. Not in attendance
- *Networking & Business Activities – Josh & Nadia*
 - i. Chamber gold tournament was canceled.

- *Charitable Activities (Festival of Trees, etc.) – Michelle*
 - i. FOT Nov 30th, finalizing entertainment, watch for email. Catered by Sugar and Spice. Theme: Old Fashioned Christmas.
- *Mainstreet Activities – Diane*
 - i. Light up and parade Dec 6. Sponsorship letters ready to go, please see attached.
- *Careers Next Gen – Dave*
 - i. Career fair March 18 & 19 2025, Bablitz Hall. Open to students and adults. Partnering with Westlock Town/Chamber, businesses from Westlock will attend as well. Opportunity for local businesses to attend.

9. Related Organizations – Updates

- Business Support Network – Dave : No Updates

10. Town of Barrhead Update- Anthony Oswald

- 6 lots in beaver brook will be redistricted for development of multifamily homes.
- 49A street is due to be done by end of September
- Pumpkin Walk date is Oct 25th.
- Sept 30 National Day of truth and reconciliation starts at 10:30 at Blue Herron Building
- Interviewing for new CAO on Sept 25

11. County of Barrhead Update – Jenny Bruns

- Passed new land use bylaw
- Pause on rural renewal program, Pause on temporary foreign worker for minimum wage work.
- Business conference and Trade Show Oct 19. Wanting to focus on business supports. Hoping to have more businesses register and get advertisement up.

12. Other Business/Announcements

13. Next Meetings:

- *General Meeting October 17th 2024, at 12:00pm Charles Godberson Room, Agrena*
- *Executive Board Meeting October 9th, at 12:00pm 2024, Perry Law LLP*

14. Adjourn Meeting: 12:58