

**Barrhead & District Chamber of Commerce  
General Meeting Agenda**

**Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022**

**Time: 12:00 noon**

**Location: Via Zoom**

1. Call to Order – 12:14 pm
2. Additions to the Agenda - none
3. Adoption of Agenda NAME
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings NAMES
  - a) January Executive Meeting Minutes
  - b) December General Meeting Minutes
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - None
6. Speaker – Charity Vollmann, Program Coordinator- Careers Next Generation
  - a) Programming and Funding for Employers
    - Joined by Dale Tiedemann, Regional Manager Northwest Region-Peace River, Grande Prairie
    - Charity Vollmann covers Barrhead Swan Hills, Fox Creek, Grand Prairie, Mayerthorpe, Glenevis
    - Acknowledged Treaty 6 Territory
    - Careers Alberta based – non profit organization offers students to connect with local employers
    - Partner with schools- Barrhead great support
    - Started in 1995 with Skilled Trades, now offering Information Communication Technology, Health Care and Medical Technologies, Agriculture, Forestry and Environment Indigenous Youth Internship Programming
    - Reached 47,000 students last year for awareness and opportunities
    - 1,500 were paid internship programs
    - Encourages to keep youth in the local community

Three Funding Streams Available for Employers

  - \$1,000 –Commitment to a minimum of 125 hours of on the job-training, membership and experience. Internship can be part-time or full-time. Internship must be completed by May 30.
  - \$1,800 – Commitment to a minimum of 240 hours of on the job training, mentorship and experience. Internship hours can be part-time or full-time
  - \$3,600 Commitment to a minimum of 480 hours of on the job training, mentorship and experience. Internship hours can be part-time or full-time.

- First come first serve basis. Summer students qualify for internships.
  - Apply now: [careersnextgen.ca/yiip](http://careersnextgen.ca/yiip)
  - Students must be paid minimum wage.
  - Must be in Alberta.
  - Safe work environment.
  - Careers - provide a lot of awareness to students. January and June have a number of showcases to encourage student participation. Sent to schools for student's awareness.
  - For more information: [events@nextgen.org](mailto:events@nextgen.org)
  - Charity Vollmann, Program Coordinator, Whitecourt, Barrhead & Area – [cvollmann@nextgen.org](mailto:cvollmann@nextgen.org) – 403-443-8161
  - Dale Tiedemann, Regional Manager, NW Alberta, [dtiedemann@nextgen.org](mailto:dtiedemann@nextgen.org) Cell - 780-518-4020 (Dale)
  - Q&A
  - Careers non profit, not department in government, but receives some funding, does a lot of fundraising.
  - If businesses interested in participating, students are encouraged to reach out to employers, but Charity is willing to assist students and potential employers, and works in partnership with schools to advise what is available. Diverse in what is acceptable for internship and will consider what is asked.
  - Categories of students that qualify grades 10 to 12, as it is credit based.
  - Careers will be looking at other categories in the future for youth just out of school, currently in the exploring stage.
7. Financial Update – Veronica Thompson/Provided by Michelle Rau
- Balance - \$48,720
  - \$19,060 - outstanding cheques Festival of Trees
  - To be deposited - \$500 – late cheque received from FoT
8. Committee Reports
- a) Advertising/Marketing - Kristine - no report available.
  - b) Economic Development – Megan – working on Card Program – government grant received to implement, focus is discounts for businesses.
  - c) Membership – Dave – no report available.
  - d) Networking & Business Activities – Sarah – no report available.
  - e) Charitable Activities (Festival of Trees, etc.) – Michelle – no report available.
  - f) Careers Next Generation – Steve Bablitz – talked with Charity, working together, has reached out to school, awaiting to hear from them. Will follow up next week.

9. Town of Barrhead Update
  - Change of pool to REP program effective February 1, 2022.
  - Originally 1/3 occupancy. However, staff verbally abused when asking patrons to follow guidelines.
  - REP program chosen, as the ability for staff to enforce the 1/3 capacity provides many difficulties.
  - Questions email Jennifer Pederson – [jpедerson@barrhead.ca](mailto:jpедerson@barrhead.ca).
10. County of Barrhead Update
  - Tax incentive by law – new investment or building apply for a tax incentive
  - Launching annual budget survey soon, County and Town can provide input.

Ellen – Yellowhead East

- Presentation Regional BSN – January 26, Eventbrite – overview – Digital Economy Program
  - Town and County – Community Futures is offering –a monthly Travelling Business Incubator –
  - Ellen will be at the County office first Friday of each month and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Town of Barrhead
  - Will take bookings, business planning development, help with marketing, cash flow projections, other business challenges, or coaching session
  - Walk-ins welcomed.
11. Other Business - none
  12. Announcements – none
  13. Next Meetings:
    - a) General Meeting February 17, 2022 Via Zoom
    - b) Executive Board Meeting February 9, 2022 Via TBD
  14. Adjourn Meeting at 12:26 p.m.