

Meeting Minutes
6pm Sept 19th, 2023
Sandman Boardroom & Via Zoom

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the Traditional Territory of the Lhtako Dené.

In Attendance: Tobi, Manny, Charlotte, Kurt, Kate, Jay, Michelle, Bob, and Lisa (Executive Director)

2. Adoption of Agenda:

1st
2nd

3. Meeting Minutes Approval:

1st
2nd

4. E.D Report: attached in agenda email.

5. Correspondence:

6. Treasurer/Finance Report:

Dollar figures below represent remaining amounts in each category.

General & Administration: \$40,073.82

Advertising & Promotion: \$11,280.00

Meetings & Board Engagement: \$7,814.96

Beautification & Safety: \$20,000.00 (\$2500.00 of this amount is earmarked for SQ Benefaction)

Community Engagement: \$8000.00

Earmarked for capitol project: \$68,900.00

7. City/Lhtako Dené/MOT Updates:

a. Active Transportation Input Meeting: Charlotte, Lisa and Bob Simpson attended this meeting together, we advocated for 1. Juniper Road Safety (pedestrian safety, lighting, vehicle speed, Bus stop safety) 2. The Newman Rd/Balsam area with regards to the congestion of the Tim Hortons Drive Thru. And 3. Connecting the business area to the residential area. We all felt as though our concerns were heard. Kurt

- motions that the SQBIA continue to advocate that the City considers as a #1 priority pedestrian, cycling and lighting improvements on Juniper and Hydraulic Rd from the underpass at The Door Shop to the business area on Larch Ave. Jay seconds. Motion carried.
- b.** Kurt motions that our secondary priority is connecting the SQ commercial/business area to the South Quesnel Residential area. Jay seconds. Motion carried. Bob will write a summary/letter to the City and include Lisa/Charlotte.
 - c.** City sent us the Referral package Re: Wendy`s – Lisa sent out to executive as well as Hilltop and Tim Hortons. All feedback that was given has been submitted to the city. Lisa will share any future information on this topic.
 - d.** Lhtako Dené: Orange Shirt Day Sept 30th: Lhtako Dene Park 11am

8. Old Business:

- a.** Crosswalk Update: A new update as of 9am September 20th (morning after the meeting) The 3 indigenous Crosswalks will be installed today/tomorrow.
- b.** SQBIA Community Building Project Update: This committee hired Bob Simpson to help plan and navigate through this project with his knowledge and connections with process, and City staff. The committee is planning to change direction of this project. Originally the plan was to have 3-4 locations in South Quesnel with seating areas, plants etc. The board and committee are now thinking of a more “temporary” or “pop up” supplies for hosting events, sales etc. that all South Quesnel BIA businesses could have access too. Examples such as Tents, a stage, tables, chairs. This will be brought back to the committee for a vote. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please email southquesnel@gmail.com.

9. New Business:

- a.** AGM Oct 17th– Our AGM will be held on October 17th at 6pm in the Sandman board room. Please send all nominations to

southquesnel@gmail.com. Manny motioned to spend \$500 on dinner for the AGM. Jay seconds. Motion Carried.

b. Strategic Plan: Edits/Changes

The Strategic Plan is in need of some updates particularly:

Budget – Using actual dollar amounts rather than estimated grant money

Meetings-The board discussed adding language saying we will hold 9 meetings a year, and creating language about how/why a meeting might be cancelled.

Quorum: Its very difficult for us to get quorum at a meeting, the board discussed changing quorum to 50% or more of our executives rather than the current “5” that is is now.

Action: Lisa will send out suggested edits to the board executives, and continue to work over the next month, so that the edits can be voted on at our AGM in October.

c. Sign at top of Dragon Lake Hill Repairs/ Sign at Wal-Mart: Kurt motioned that the board spend up to \$2500 on repair to the DL Hill sign and \$1200 on the bulletin board sign at wal-mart. Jay seconded. Motion carried.

d. Christmas Event: Kurt motions to spend up to \$1500.00 on a Christmas event at extra foods, including Santa/Mrs. Claus pictures/visits, prizes and decorations. Manny seconds. Motion carried.

e. Advertising/Promo: Michelle motions to spend \$1200 on a videography advertising including the business area, Lhtako and Wonderland and 2 interviews. As well as up to \$400 on Vizual Media screen advertising with a possible link/QR code to our video. Jay seconds. Motion carried.

f. Quesnel/Lhtako Winter Games:

The board dicussed purchasing either mittens or groves with the SQ branding on them and giving them to local volunteers involved in the games. Lisa will figure out how many volunteers roughly, and some options/prices for items.

g. November/December SQ Business appreciation night:

The board discussed and decided not to host a big evening, as it is difficult to get people to commit to things right now, and instead will supply a small dinner for those attending the AGM.

Adjournment: 7:20pm

Roundtable:

- a. Quesnel Culture Days: Sept 22/23 Spirit Square
- b. Reminder SQ Benefaction grant is open for applications

Next Meeting: AGM 6pm Oct 17th, 2023 followed by regular monthly meeting.