

LMVBA Meeting Minutes, March 2, 2016

1. Call to order: 7:00 PM Lion's Den, Strasbourg Community Hall.
2. Approval of agenda: Kirby / Ross
3. Minutes of Feb. 3 meeting approved as circulated

Representatives of ten member businesses were in attendance. The meeting was chaired by president, Kirby Kazeil

4. Treasurer's report / financial update: Ross McKee (Strasbourg Decorating)
5. Work-in-progress updates:

- Kirby reported that the LMVBA / Yancoal business registration form will be completed in the next day or so (working with Robin at Yancoal), allowing local businesses to submit detail business profiles to Yancoal for consideration as local suppliers of goods and services.

- Kirby also reported that he had attended the Strasbourg Town Council meeting on February 10, after having sent a letter inviting the Town to take a public position on the Yancoal development. He said a good discussion was had, but the result was inconclusive with the Town later not deciding to take a public stand at this point. The same letter was sent to all municipal governments in the area. Only one response was received (from the RM of Longlaketon), thanking the LMVBA 'for taking the time to let us know you viewpoint'.

- Kirby reported that the issue of the Havelock Special Projects Committee stirring up negativity about the Yancoal project seems to have calmed down somewhat, but that the LMVBA will keep up its efforts to inform people of the positive economic potential of the project.

- It was agreed that the LMVBA will again provide two \$500 scholarships to qualifying Grade 12 students at William Derby School. Leila Flavell (Double LL Web Designs) and the scholarship committee will make all the necessary arrangements to contact the school, interview the applicants, and arrange for the presentations.

- The promotional signage on the 'little house on Main Street' will be erected soon, and work is progressing on the cut-out figures to be installed at the house later on. The cut-outs will allow people to pose for photos at the little house.

6. New Business / open discussion

- It was also noted that some of the LMVBA promotional banners on Mountain Street need to be repaired and re-installed. The association will make the necessary repairs in the near future.

- Members also discussed the possibility of the association hosting an all-candidates forum during the upcoming provincial election, but after much discussion it was decided that they did not have the resources or experience for such an undertaking.

- There was also a discussion surrounding an inquiry by Keith Schneider, Yancoal Canada's local consultant, for some input from the association on potential community sponsorship opportunities in the area. Members agreed to provide some suggestions.

7. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

8. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM