

## **BILLINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINUTES**

Thursday September 12, 2019

7:30 pm Park Centre - Lower

**Present:** Sharon Alkenbrack (Chair), Suzanne Darlaston, Todd Gordon (EDO), Sharon Jackson (Councillor), Diane Larocque, Rick Rusk

**Regrets:** None

**Call to Order:** 7:30 pm

**Motion to Accept Agenda (as amended – New Business, Games tables, Scrabble board, Senior’s Forum):** Larocque-Rusk. Carried

**Pecuniary Interests:** none

**Adoption of Minutes (as amended):** Darlaston-Jackson. Carried

**Financial Report:** None

### **Old Business:**

- a) Bonnie Kogos Event  
The chair gave a brief synopsis of the event
- b) Storytelling Festival (Formerly Summerfest):  
The EDO was asked to book the Kagawong Park Centre for July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed coming up with a “funky” name for the event. “Jabbawong Storytelling Festival” was chosen  
The committee stressed the need for an earlier start to planning. The chair suggested that the October 2019 meeting be primarily dedicated to preliminary planning for Storytelling Fest, and asked members to think about themes, activities, etc. prior to this meeting. The Festival should be a standard agenda item until it takes place in July 2020.
- c) Our Mandate and Terms of Reference:  
The chair reminded committee members of the role of the committee and the responsibilities of membership, including respecting Provincial legislation and municipal by-laws and policies.

### **New Business:**

- a) Scrabble Board:  
The chair indicated not much further work had occurred on this idea but was planning to discuss with Public Works. Location, space required, care/maintenance are ongoing concerns
- b) Seniors Forum:  
The committee still intends to organize a forum to solicit ideas, needs, desires of community seniors, which will create baseline information for the committee to make recommendations to council regarding policy and activities to better serve community seniors. Timing (afternoon or evening) was discussed, as were dates – suggestion for the Last week in November, promotion, and providing transportation.

- c) Scarecrow Hunt:  
Discussion of prizes, resources for creating scarecrows, utilizing 91 Main for assembly
- d) Christmas in Kagawong:  
Discussion regarding how to adapt to the reality that the Park Centre Lower will not be available.
- e) 20/20 Ideas:  
The chair asked the committee to continue thinking about 2020 ideas.

**Adjournment:** 8:48 pm. Darlaston. Carried