

# Springhill & Area Chamber Of Commerce

## Minutes

November 18th, 2009

Lamp Cabin

**In Attendance:** President Frank Likely, M.D. MacPherson, A. Baillargeon, C. Torrie, D. McCormack, Mayor A. Dill, P. Laundry, A. Newman  
**Regrets:** H. Delaney.

	Action
<b>Call to Order and Welcome by the President</b>	
<b>Approval of Agenda:</b> Moved by A. Baillargeon, seconded by C. Torrie that the agenda be approved with the addition of ordering of flowers and Bargain Shop.	M.C.
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Moved by C.Torrie, seconded by A. Baillargeon that the minutes be approved with the change on page one that the Cumberland Campus be booked instead of the Community Centre.	
<b>Mayor A. Dill update of town affairs:</b> The Town is working on the Accountability and Sustainabilty plan. The plan has been forwarded to CREDA as a draft report. There will be focus groups called upon <u>FOR IMPUT</u> OF the plan and the Chamber will be part of one of the focus groups. <b>Energy:</b> The town is concentrating on Geothermal and Methane gas as alternative energy sources for our Community. The process is on going and the company is proving the sustainability and longevity of what is the best receovery process for these sources of energy. Methane gas – there is discussion on creating a utility of the mine water and methane. This would create a town that would be the centre of excellence for the world.	M.C.
The town is working on a strategic plan that would be for the next 15 years.	
The Cumberland Campus will be offering a new training course for the school year of 2010, entitled Refrigeration and Geothermal. The Town and the Cumberland Campus principal are working on several	

projects.

The Town is reviewing all departments. This review will be in the form of a survey sent out to the residents. The first department will be the Police Department. Once this is completed and the process is working well, then the others will follow. The survey will be on the web site and other means to allow citizens to have their input. The Committee for the Police Department is Chief, CAO, Mayor Chair of Police Commission AND JANET REID.

**Financial:** The Town is carrying a surplus, compared to last year: 23% debt, this year 13% and the Province has allowed the Town to carry a \$300,000 debt load over a four year period. Being optimistic, if the Town continues with the surplus then we could be debt free in two years.

**Crime Unit:** The two officers working out of the RCMP office in Amherst. The two officers are still assigned to Springhill

**Public Works:** This department has been relocated to Lisgar Street and the dept. is working well. Paving is ongoing and next year Drummond Street will be done.

Met with MLA Scott and Minister to determine the status on the provincial jail. A meeting was requested with the Premier but the meeting was declined by the Premier. The jail was promised to the Town of Springhill in April and the town needs assistance in bringing that issue forward. The Mayo wanted input in this issue.

The Chamber read the letter that was sent to the Premier on behalf of the Chamber but there has not been any response to date.

**Youth Committee:** There are nine members and the Town is very pleased to work with the youth.

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The President thanked the Mayor for attending and providing the briefing.

**Business Arising From the Minutes:**

- A. Baillargeon requested information on the Fabric signs that the Chamber paid for last year, what is happening to the sign? The President to check with J. Reid.
- B. Parade – A. Baillargeon to look into putting his vehicle into the parade with the Chamber logo on it.

<p><b>REPORTS:</b></p> <p><b>Financial:</b> A. Baillargeon presented a draft budget for the year 2010. This budget was approved in principle and Adrien to discuss with Treasurer before final approval.</p> <p><b>President's report:</b> Letter to Premier Dexter was forwarded re: the location of the new Provincial Jail. The President wrote to Tom McInnis, President, and NS Chamber of Commerce to request his presence as guest speaker at our Annual Meeting. He attended the Amherst chamber Gala dinner and the Amherst chamber was pleased that Springhill sent a representative.</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Web design:</b> The new version will be published in the New Year.</p> <p><b>New Business:</b> Awaiting word from guest speaker for Annual banquet. Committee for Annual banquet is: M.D. MacPherson, F. Likely and A. Newman.</p> <p><b>Nominating Committee:</b> A. Baillargeon, A. Newman</p> <p><b>Identity Theft –</b> The President to discuss with K. Jackson potential dates in the new year.</p> <p><b>Town pots:</b> C. Torrie will be ordering flowers for next year. Moved by C. Torrie, seconded by P. Laundry that the flowers be ordered from the GOVRC for 2010. M.C.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 p.m. At JB's Steakhouse.</p> <p><b>President Frank Likely</b></p>	<p>BF</p> <p>BF</p> <p>MC</p>
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