

**PINAWA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**2009 June 10**

**Present:** Vince Lopata, Marsha Sheppard, Rhonda Henschell, Jeff Simpson, Nancy Bremner and Donna Warenko

**Regrets:** Elaine Greenfield

**Meeting Called to Order:** 12:05 PM

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda with amendments: add Financial Report

Moved: Donna Warenko, seconded: Jeff Simpson

CARRIED.

**2. Matt Gelley – Manitoba Youth Job Centre**

Due to a scheduling conflict, Matt Gelley could not attend our meeting. He provided an introductory letter instead. The Manitoba Youth Job Centre matches employers with youth employees for summer positions. Positions may be full time, part time or casual. This is a free referral service. You can call Matt at 345-6916 or visit their office at 4 Park Avenue, Lac du Bonnet, during their business hours: 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

**4. Financial Report**

Vince Lopata reported that we still have 5 unpaid members. These members were re-sent Invoices last week as they have all agreed to the membership. It was decided to remove unpaid members from the web site until such time as they have paid. The unpaid banner ads will be left on-line until further notice due to the amount of work required removing them. Assumption is that these Invoices will eventually be paid.

The Chamber currently has \$7,045.34 in the bank accounts, with \$1,300.00 in accounts receivable, for a total of \$8,395.34 in total assets. Net income for the year to date is \$448.11.

Motion to accept the Financial Report: Jeff Simpson; seconded by Donna Warenko  
CARRIED

**5. Chamber Involvement in the Age Friendly Pinawa Initiative**

The Chamber will be providing a short survey for businesses on how they can become more age friendly. This applies to the young, seniors or those with disabilities. The survey will essentially be a checklist. There may be a prize awarded in the fall to the business that accommodated the age friendly initiative the most.

One factor already identified is the lack of affordable housing for single parent families / starters / young adults in Pinawa.

Solo Markets has begun an initiative to deliver groceries for seniors. Seniors order their groceries on Tuesday, thus taking advantage of the 10% seniors discount, and then can have their groceries delivered on the Thursday.

Alf Wikjord, member of the Pinawa Age Friendly Committee, will be putting together a list of applicable Grants / Funding available to local businesses to help with these initiatives.

**5. Survey on Business Retention and Expansion**

The Chamber is re-visiting the idea of conducting the Business Retention and Expansion survey program. There was great enthusiasm for the program this time around.

Essentially the program uses standardised surveys, conducted in person, with local businesses to identify the needs of local business. Marsha Sheppard will solicit help from Mary Greber of the Community Futures Winnipeg River with this project. A committee will be struck to get the program moving forward. Nancy Bremner provided an updated list of all businesses in the LGD of Pinawa. The initial survey will take approximately 1 hour. Discussions were had to hiring certain people to conduct the surveys or utilising the student employment service. The initial surveys must be conducted and summarised by November, in time for the Pinawa Community Development Corporations strategic goals meeting.

Action: Marsha Sheppard to contact Mary Greber to solicit help with the project.

**6. Birthday Parade**

Vince Lopata has sent out the important letters already and has submitted info to the PCDC for their newsletter. Vince will be placing two ads in the Pinawa Paper shortly.

Action: Donna Warenko to post parade info on the web site. The Chamber has acknowledged the Lion's offer of a \$300 donation again this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 PM.

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**Pinawa Chamber of Commerce Meeting  
June 10, 2009  
Noon at Book Break**

**AGENDA (ammended)**

- Manitoba Youth Job Centre - Matt Gelley
- Financial Report - Vince Lopata
- Chamber involvement in the Age Friendly Pinawa initiative
- Grants / Funding for accessibility to business establishments
- Birthday Parade