

Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce

123rd Annual General Meeting, Monday January 30th, 2023 at 7 pm

Dinner and meeting held at the Neepawa Royal Canadian Legion Branch #23

Kerri MacPherson, 2022 Chairperson/President, Chaired the Chamber meeting.

Kerri Macpherson opened and thanked our sponsors for the evening. She introduced our guest speaker Rob Wolfe – Northstar Seeds. The Neepawa Tourism AGM, chaired by Pam Brown followed this for approx. 30minutes.

Jennifer Wiebe presented the “2022 Business of the Year Award” to: The Neepawa Vet Clinic, Dr. Liz Ostendorf

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 pm.

<p>Adoption of the Agenda</p>	<p>M. Pam Miller S. Brian Hedley Carried</p>
<p>Approval of January 31st, 2022 AGM Minutes</p>	<p>M. Sherry Francis S. Marilyn Crewe Carried</p>
<p>President's Report: Summary report –</p> <p>The Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce once again faced a challenging year, as Covid restrictions continued to impact our community early in the year and reverberated through 2022. However, we were very thankful to support our business community and bring a number of meaningful events to our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ We kicked off the year with the 122nd annual AGM, in partnership with Neepawa Tourism. Though once again hosted virtually, we had approximately 40 participants join our virtual AGM and were very pleased to welcome Big Daddy Tazz, an incredible comedian and motivational speaker.	

President's Report (cont'd)

- Through the summer months, we celebrated our local restaurants, through our 2nd annual “restaurant showcase”. Expanding this program to 9 restaurants in our community was a significant increase from the previous year and we look forward to the 2023 restaurant showcase.
- In partnership with Neepawa tourism, we hired a Green Team Student to support the Fair and events throughout the summer months.
- We were extremely excited to once again host the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce Fair. We brought back fan favorites including the midway, petting zoo and pony rides and the car show. The band, Clubbing Fraggles brought a great variety of music that had many up folks up and dancing. We’re excited to have them back again in 2023.
- The Fair brings dollars into to our community, supporting our local businesses throughout the weekend, and partners with our membership to bring events and fun to our townspeople and others from the surrounding communities.
- 2022 saw an opportunity to host three ‘Business After 5’ events.
- The Neepawa & District Chamber supported our community by hosting an electoral forum for the 2022 civic election.
- We were extremely pleased to host our first Parade of Lights in three years. Thank you to Kinley Thompson Chartered Accountants for once again hosting a free movie at the Roxy Theatre.

Treasurer's Report:

- Pam Miller did an overview of the 2022 Financial Position.
- Motion to Accept the financials

- Pam presented the 2023 Budget. Motion was made to accept the 2023 Budget as presented.
- Pam asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

M. Pam Miller
S. Sherry Francis
Carried

M. Pam Miller
S. Jordan Luhowy
Carried

Election of Officers of the Board:

- A slate of directors was presented.
- A call for nominations from the floor was made three times. There were no further nominations. Kerri McPherson declared nominations closed.
- The slate presented was ---- directors short of the 15 allowed according to the by-laws, the slate of directors was acclaimed.

- 2023 Board of Directors are:
 - Kerri McPherson, RBC
 - Pam Miller, MNP
 - Marilyn Crewe, Economic Development Officer
 - Jordan Luhowy, Hylife Foods
 - Ally Potrebka, Neepawa Gladstone Coop
 - Ken Waddell, Neepawa Banner
 - Sherri Francis, Christianson TDS Law
 - Kristine Loomis, Stride Credit Union
 - Kay Mansell, RBC
- Mayor Brian Hedley extended greetings on behalf of the Town of Neepawa.
 - The Board of Directors was sworn in under Oath by Mayor HedleyOffices for the Board of Directors will be decided at its first meeting on Monday February 13th, 2023

Chamber Meeting adjourned: 8:33 pm

M. Ken Waddell
2nd Brian Hedley
Carried

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