



**February 1, 2017 12:00PM at Beaverhill Museum and Nature Center**

**“Building a Strong Community by Promoting Business and Economic Growth”**

Greg Litwin	Lorenz Team	Yvonne Brown	Busy Bee/ Farmer’s Market
Jeff Edwards	Town of Tofield	Kelly Kristensen	Barrister and solicitor
Calvin Andringa	Tofield Alliance Church	Belle Henderson	Golden Club
Dan Hillyer	Aegis Security	Lindsay Vansickle	K C and Company
Barb Ferguson	Legion #91	Diane Iverson	ATB Financial
Bonnie Ferguson	Legion #91	Tamara Gacek	The Color Box
Will Tan	Esso/ Pizza Hut Express	Zenovia Lazaruik	C. W. Sears School
Harold Conquest	Town of Tofield	Tony Rice	Tofield School
Deb Tessier	Dollar Store / The Flower Shop	Ruth Gill	FCSS
Bob Tessier	Dollar Store/ The Flower Shop	Sue McLeod	Park Pest Control

**Lunch Provided by The Tofield Esso and Pizza Hut Express**

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

1.1 Greg Litwin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and members and guests introduced themselves.

**2.0 Spotlight** - Will from Esso and Pizza is grateful to be part of the community. He is available to help

**3.0 Presentations**

3.1 Motorcycle ride for Dad – Greg brought the ride to everyone’s attention.

3.2 Zenovia Lazaruik – C.W. Sears 10 students fewer than last year 330 students this year. Starting next year is pre-K to grade 4. PUF (per unit funding) students. Breakfast program \$8000 per year. They have received many grants and funding from several businesses and organizations. Mind-up program: teaches about mental health and coping mechanisms. Considering in-town bussing. Grade 4 camp will continue. Leader-in-me continues. Athletic program is expanding. School is on the list to be renovated or expanded. Volunteers are always needed. Breakfast program, reading program, Grandparents program. Always appreciate communication between the community and the school.

3.2. Tony Rice Tofield School. 360 students at the start of the year. Down to 353 now due to economic moves. A new hire to replace a maternity leave temporarily. Today marks a new semester. Most received 20 credits for the last semester. Basket ball. Jr high boys have won every game. The Jr girls are learning lots. High school girls are learning. High School boys team has folded. Milestones Program: Psychologist comes to the school. Training and counseling on transitioning to secondary school. Building resiliency, and overcoming anxiety. Maybe 7 students would come if the Ministik school closes. There is a need for work experience and internship opportunities

#### **4.0 Old Business**

**4.1 Promenade –June 2-4** It is time to start planning for the promenade 2017, There are volunteers needed as well as donations. Committee is starting now. Let Greg know if you'd like to take part. Also looking for donations and event hosts. FCSS looking to bring a video game truck for the older kids. Legion will be open.

**4.2 Canada 150 Year Celebration** - Held July 1, Possibility of having a town "passport" that could be stamped at several participating businesses and organizations. Lots of opportunities for groups to get involved. Busy Bee and the Farmer's Market, have displays that will be changing throughout the year. 150 trees in 150 days. April 15 and September 15, (150 days), 150 events and organizations. July 1 special events. The town office is compiling a list. Contact Vanita at the town to get involved. July 1 is a Saturday There will be festivities for the whole weekend.

**5.0 New Business** – Membership Director Position. The position is posted today. They will help with sending out letters, invoicing, website, social media. It is common for chambers our size to hire someone as an administrator. The Chamber looks forward to the growth in numbers and effectiveness of the organization.

#### **6.0 Next Meeting March 1 2017 at noon – Beaver County**

**6.1** Many thanks to Yvonne Brown for making the Nature Center available for us.