



April 5, 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
Marianne Porter	Brokerlink	Errol and Becca Warkentin	Country Lane Pet Boarding
Calvin Andringa	Tofield Alliance Church	Belle Henderson	Golden Club
Dan Hillyer	Aegis Security	Lindsay Vansickle	K C and Company
Barb Ferguson	Legion #91	Bob and Debby Tessier	Dollar & More/Flower Shop
Bonnie Ferguson	Legion #91	Belle Henderson	Tofield Golden Club
Nicole Hillyer	Aegis Security	Jeff Edwards	Town of Tofield
Harold Conquest	Town of Tofield	Marcel Hammond	Ground Affect Landscapes
Rachelle Keusch	BMO		

## Lunch Provided by The Tofield and District Chamber of Commerce

### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Greg called the meeting to order at 12:12. Members introduced themselves. Nice to have both businesses and organizations

### 2.0 Spotlight – None today

### 3.0 Presentations

3.1 **Chamber of Commerce Group insurance.** Stable. Guaranteed coverage. Won’t ever cancel or raise rates due to high claims. Not for profit. Any profits are shared with chambers across the country. Very comparable to other large insurance companies. All businesses qualify. There are retirement packages. There are lots of options and prices. Ball park costs: Single \$80-\$100, Couple around \$200, Family \$250-\$350. Employees must work 20 hours/week to qualify.

### 4.0 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), 100 or so 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.

**4.3 Motorcycle Ride for Dad – June 10** Noon (main) stop. Last year there were around 500 riders. This year we expect up to 1000 riders. Money raised for Cross Cancer institute. There will need to have a larger closure. From 10:00 AM until 1:00pm. Much of main street will be closed. Lots of volunteers needed. Lunch available by donation.

**4.4 Membership director position** – The position is now filled. Sue Muma was hired. She will present at the next meeting. Local. Excellent value.

**4.5 Tofield Gala** - Held Oct 20. Invitations were hand delivered. Next year will be mailed. Quite well attended. Belle Henderson is on the executive. Email her if you are interested in participating.

**4.6 Legion** - March 17 and April 9 Vimy Ridge open house

**4.7 Youth engagement Program.** Well attended event. Schools and employers presented to high school students in the area to engage them in future opportunities. Not a job fair but an information session for the youth.

**4.8 Promenade** June 2. Budget of \$6000. Trying to add more rides. Starting to raise money now. Next meeting is April 11 at noon at the town office. We have \$1000 left over from last year. Any ideas? Better recycling.

## **6.0 Next Meeting May 6 2017 at noon – Terry Willisko**

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