



April 3, 2019 at noon at the Golden Club

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

Sue Muma	Chamber Secretary / Human Resources Consulting	Ian Mansley	Chamber President / Tofield Liquor Mart
Belle Henderson	Chamber Treasurer / Tofield Golden Club	Rebecca Warkentin	Country Lane Pet Boarding
Susan McLeod	Park Pest	Hazel Reid	Tofield/Ryley Foodbank
Calvin Andringa	Tofield Alliance Church	Angie Granberg	Ravenhill Agencies
Will Tan	Tofield Esso and Pizza Hut	Brenda Chehade	Town of Tofield/Welcome Basket
Yvonne Brown	Busy Bee/ Farmers Market	Bonnie Ferguson	Royal Canadian Legion
Barbara Ferguson	Royal Canadian Legion	Jessica Whamond	FCSS
Amanda Christopher	Sonshine Daycare		

1. Ian called the meeting to order at 12:05

2. Round Table

- HR Consulting services available through Sue Muma
- Golden Club – Waste Warriors – Get fit, Get trim for the summer. First meeting at 3pm on Sunday
- Country Lane – Hired 2 more employees, getting set up with a payroll service, extended hours.
- Park Pest Control – well established company since 2012, provides services all over
- Tofield/Ryley Food Bank – fluctuating requests lately.
- Tofield Alliance Church – Easter, busy time of year. March is their month for the food bank, accumulated 760 lbs of food – huge shopping cart full! Hosting the high school musical.
- Ravenhill Agencies – Insurance companies are losing money due to rising costs of repairs.
- Busy Bee Bargains – awareness function brought new volunteers and donations – a great event.
- Tofield Councillor - Brenda Chehade – Welcome basket going well. Update on the hospital foundation event later on in the meeting.
- Tofield Liquor Mart – Nice weather helps with beer sales. They have increased their hours for the summer.
- Tofield Esso and Pizza Hut – Took over the business 4 years ago, increased sales each year except this year. Gas prices are set by each retailer. Will appreciates the business provided by the community, is open to feedback.
- Legion #91 – Busy season for District Rally, Convention in Drumheller. May 25th – declaration /Veteran appreciation day.
- Sonshine Daycare – Spring – kids are outside again! Fundraising and applications for grants to redo the basement and provide more space.



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3. Spotlights: –

FSCC – Jessica Whamond

- New in her role
- FCSS is a wealth of resources
- Preventative family and community services
- Importance of volunteering in the community – block parties, victim services partnership, welcome services etc...
- Regarding a letter sent to the Mayor in response - proposing 3 seniors day events. BBQ, local bands, fiddler group? Etc..
- Upcoming grief workshop – ex.: Loss of employment, life with addicted loved ones, loss of family member. April 18 – 7-830pm.
- Movie night every month. One in Tofield and one in Ryley.
- Committee for community Garden – to launch in 2020.

4. **Updates:**

- Membership renewal – pay your fees! It is the only source for revenue for the chamber.
- Membership Drive – Challenge for each current member to recruit an additional member.
- Community Attraction and Retention program – RSAP program – 40 students coming to town, 20 nursing and 20 medical. Things are all ready for their arrival and a great welcome to the community.
- Promenade Update from Vanita by email. Still fundraising. Committee meeting frequently. Suggestion of \$125.00/business is appreciated.
- Small business week discussion – Gala vs. Networking. Evening event suggested to be held at the Legion. 20 tables, 2 businesses/table, liquor license already there, must be a member to participate in the trade fair but open to the public for awareness. Open house type idea.
- April 11 – Kevin Smook sponsoring breakfast (Candidate forum opportunity).
- Go East’s new tourism book coming out soon.

5. **Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm**

- Thank you to Yvonne for making the space available to us!
- Next Meeting: May 1, 2019 at noon at Tofield Museum and Nature Centre