



March 6, 2019 at noon at the Golden Club

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

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| Sue Muma         | Chamber Secretary / Human Resources Consulting | Ian Mansley        | Chamber President / Tofield Liquor Mart        |
| Belle Henderson  | Chamber Treasurer / Tofield Golden Club        | Greg Litwin        | Chamber Vice President / Maxwell Devonshire    |
| Corina Doyle     | CW Sears School                                | Emily Coykendall   | CW Sears School                                |
| Diane Iverson    | ATB Financial                                  | Lianne Borowitz    | ATB Financial                                  |
| Will Tan         | Tofield Esso and Pizza Hut                     | Sharon Klassen     | Klassco Interior                               |
| Joel Krahn       | Tofield Concerts                               | Janice Muench      | Tofield School                                 |
| Bane Janzen      | Tofield School                                 | Candice McLeod     | Tofield School                                 |
| Chad Kendall     | Tofield School                                 | Bonnie Ferguson    | Royal Canadian Legion                          |
| Yvonne Brown     | Busy Bee/ Farmers Market                       | Hazel Reid         | Tofield/Ryley Foodbank                         |
| Barbara Ferguson | Royal Canadian Legion                          | Lavonne Svenson    | Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program |
| Dave Spilchen    | Spilchen Consulting Services                   | Amanda Christopher | Sonshine Daycare                               |
| Brenda Chegade   | Town of Tofield/Welcome Basket                 |                    |  |

1. Ian called the meeting to order at 12:05
2. Round Table
  - Legion – March 16, St. Patrick’s Day festivities
  - Tofield Farmers Market

3. Spotlights: –

**Golden Club**

- Established in 1972, located in the old fire hall.
- No Gov’t funding for the Golden Club, all fundraising, hall rental etc...
- Many activities – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, jam session, drop-in centre for pool, cards, crafters and quilters.
- Facility rents for \$100 for non-members and \$75.00 for members

**CW Sears School**

- Preschool – Grade 4, 3 of each class – so a lot of kids even though it’s a K=4 school
- Always looking for volunteers for the breakfast program, recently was able to partner with the local IGA for supplies rather than going to Costco.
- A number of high level special needs kids in the school
- Assemblies are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, all are welcome – typically awards and some sort of presentation.
- Spirit club – rainbow day, bubble gum, dress as if they were 100 years old,
- Great buddy program with Tofield school
- Volunteer ops for special lunches as well – pizza lunch, pancake breakfast... thanks to the Lions Club
- Proud of the school, talented staff, everyone welcome.



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#### **Tofield School**

- Working hard to build an engaging timetable
- Community stakeholders meeting – RCMP, Health, Parents etc... working together as a team goes hand in hand with retention for the community.
- Welcoming and Caring – CW Sears and Tofield partnership
- Presentation from Bane Janzen – details attached. Tofield Youth Employment Program, Tofield Employment options program. Matching local employers with Students.
- All policies are in review with input from the students
- Grades 5+6, community building, playing cards at the lodge and villa.
- Titan time – build a positive school culture. Plan and participate in activities. Christmas hamper, haunted house, pep rallies, Terry Fox run, really increased the engagement
  - Focus on generosity and empathy.

#### **Tofield Concerts**

- Kids in town have an opportunity to participate in concerts a few times/year. A safe and fun space to hang out and connect.
- There are lots of kids and youth in the area, this gives them a sense of pride in their community and something to do.
- Tickets are \$5/kid, \$10/adult. Not for profit – just trying to break even.
- Next concert on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, looking for support from local businesses to continue to put the concerts on at the town hall.

#### **4. Updates:**

- Membership drive, challenge each current member to recruit one addition to the Chamber.
- Welcome basket- profiles in the Mercury for newcomers to town.
- Rural Health Professions Action Plan – billets needed for future health care professionals touring Tofield – April 13-14. Highly sought after program,. Includes a number of activities. Planned learning stations, then the community takes over = many activities including the bull bash, darts at the moonshine café, meals at the legion and golden club.
- Unanimous vote – all in favour of gaming license for bingo fundraiser – help balance out the promenade event.
- Will we have an all candidates forum for the upcoming election? Chamber executive to decide.
- Update from Health foundation – free swimming in Ryley and skating.

#### **5. Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm**

- Thank you to Belle for making the Golden Club available to us!
- Next Meeting: April 3, 2019 at noon at Tofield Museum and Nature Centre