

MINUTES
WINKLER & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, November 18, 2008, 12:10 p.m.
Smitty's Family Restaurant

PRESENT: Betty Hiebert, Greg Archibald, Eugen Klassen, Ken Thomas, Herb Franz, Vern Reimer, Pam Fedack, Lloyd Thiessen, Dianne Friesen

A. MINUTES OF September 16, 2008 Meeting (as circulated)

M/S...Betty Hiebert/Greg Archibald...that the minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS:

i) Premier Economic Advisory Council Report

- Members of the Chamber Executive met with the above council. They wanted to meet and discuss what makes Winkler a success and also discuss the BREI project.
- They will take report to the Premier's office.

ii) Retail Merchants Christmas Shopping Campaign

- Last year we did a news story in the paper to encourage local shopping. Would the Board like to continue with it again this year?
- The Board felt that, with the economy as it is, that shoppers will do more local shopping and the article would not be beneficial.

C. CHAMBER REPORTS:

i) Education Report – Vern Reimer

- GVSD Board has concluded their strategic plan for 2009-2010.
- In classes 40% of children are learning English as an Additional Language.
- Growth factor for 2008 is at 8.4%.
- Presented a list of current capital projects.
- EAL students represent 23 different countries.
- Plum Coulee received a \$63,000 Chapters Indigo Grant.
- Vern showed a video clip, which shows that we need to continue to work in partnership with each other.

ii) Canadian Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting

- Tabled for future.

D. OTHER:

i) January Reports

- Continuing Education – Isabelle Bright
- Immigration – Eugen Klassen

E. NEXT MEETING: January 20, 2009

F. ADJOURNMENT: 1:09 pm