

## June 2017 Chamber Chatter

The Chamber's AGM took place on May 17, where we bid adieu to our wonderful board members Lorie Brown and Anna Bates, while welcoming Kat Ferneyhough and Brian Dearden to the board. Bill McCance is our president for 2017-2018. Key notes from the meeting were:

- With the advertising shift away from our individual Chamber to the collective Southern Gulf Islands, we are achieving a broader reach, with much less work by our individual Chamber. This has been demonstrated from the recent press in Nuvo Magazine, the Toronto Star, and the Province; all articles stemming from the April press tour, which was organized by the consortium.
- We are asking our membership to spread the word about the Chamber's Welcome Bag program. If you know of any newcomers that have not received a welcome bag (and are interested), please let us know. Additionally, if you have an item that you wish to have in the bag, please contact Sue Duncan at (250) 539-3640 or [sduncanmi@gmail.com](mailto:sduncanmi@gmail.com).
- We are still low on board members, and in an effort to increase our recruitment, we have reduced the number of annual board meetings, and reduced the work load (most treasurer and advertising tasks are now taken care of outside of the board). If you are interested in becoming a board member, contact us at any time.
- The kiosk is moving ahead, with engineering drawings completed.

The recent press, as well as the beautiful Chamber brochure, has definitely increased our off-island reach. In this past month we have had requests from Tourism Chilliwack, as well as the Ocean Island Inn in Victoria to carry our brochures. Tourism Victoria has also been going through a record number of brochures. This demonstrates what a great investment it is to be listed and advertise in our annual brochure.

Over the summer we'll be investigating a few different options for courses that the Chamber could sponsor on-island. We are looking at the possibility of a hospitality course, and will be looking at other options as well. Are there any courses that you think our business community might benefit from? Contact us at [executivechamber@mayneislandchamber.ca](mailto:executivechamber@mayneislandchamber.ca) to let us know and we'll look into them!

In regards to the kiosk, we now have engineering drawings (shown opposite) to construct the kiosk and interested contractors or qualified parties are requested to submit their proposals for:

- A) in total for entire construction, or
- B) to supply material components as donated items or set fee amounts, Or
- C) to supply labour and materials for components such as 1) excavation, 2) foundations, 3) log work, 4) native artwork on logs, 5) roof structure, 6) roofing, downspout, 7) metal work

The deadline for proposals is July 25, 2017 with construction to be completed in 2017. Location of this project is at 411 Naylor Road, Miners Bay Park at the Library. For more details, and/or to see the engineering notes associated with the drawings, please contact Bill McCance, MI Chamber of Commerce at [bill@pacificcf.com](mailto:bill@pacificcf.com) or 604 690-1321.