

# Renaissance Sackville AGM notes 2014

Held at 6:30 pm, Thursday June 12th 2014,  
at The Cranewood on 113 Main Street Sackville

## In attendance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Harold Jarche</li><li>● Janine O'Reilly</li><li>● Christopher MacKay</li><li>● April McKinnon</li><li>● Rosemary Polegato</li><li>● Frances Weldon</li><li>● Mike Fox</li><li>● Ron Aiken</li><li>● Bob Berry</li><li>● Clara Doucette</li><li>● Quincy Russell</li><li>● Annie Sherry</li><li>● Norma Jean Warden Rogers</li><li>● Heather Webster</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Margaret Ann Capper</li><li>● Sarah Evans</li><li>● Al Barber</li><li>● Bernard Soubry</li><li>● Theresa Richards</li><li>● Jamie Burke</li><li>● Judith Weiss</li><li>● Bruce Phinney</li><li>● Amelie Jarvis Lavoie</li><li>● Julia MacDonald</li><li>● Ryan Hill</li><li>● Michael Weldon</li><li>● Richard Kent</li><li>● Jeff Schnurr</li></ul>
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Opening by Harold Jarche, Chair of Renaissance Sackville

- Celebrating 20 years
- Introduction of Board Members
- Thanks to community members, council & mayor.

### **Official Business.**

Declared open 7:13 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda from the floor from Ron Aiken

Seconded April Mckinnon

Motion Carried unanimously

- Harold moves to approve 2013 AGM minutes
- Bernard Soubry moves to approve from the floor
- Frances Weldon seconds
- Motion carries unanimously

- Harold Jarche introduces Clara Doucette, Renaissance's summer student funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program.
  - Clara discusses her working history, Ecology Action Centre, youth work etc.
  - Talks about her duties as Active Living & Sustainable Transportation Coordinator: Bike Coop work with Mount Allison Students' Union, CarShare program , assisting with an Active Living Map with the Town, training local bike mechanics and a pop-up mechanic shop regularly at the Sackville Farmer's Market.
  - Clara talks about community involvement expansion, how thanks to Renaissance Sackville the bike usage is up, Bike Mechanics workshops are available regularly, and they have dedicated volunteers and nearly double the bikes.

Julia takes the stage to discuss 2013-2014

- Highlights:
- Martial Arts Expo, with community partners to help youth at Risk in our region. Huge success with over 200 youth.
- Community Garden is still a steering committee of Renaissance Sackville, and this year their summer programming is extensive, they have partnered with Salem Elementary's Environmental programs, are running programs for youth and focused on food security. Had a huge solstice party & launched their community bake oven this year.
- Renaissance is now a member of the Intervention & Diversion Committee for Sackville, organized by the Community Programs Officer for our RCMP. We directly help divert youth from prison & towards pro-social activities.
- **CHMA** community radio station updated their equipment this year thanks to Renaissance support and now has clearer sound quality and can be heard farther and more clearly by the community they serve.
- Sackville Bike Coop has new branding, more visibility this year thanks to Renaissance.
- **Car Share Program:** Transportation for Tantramar applied to make a Car share program possible, and after much research on how to run an accessible Car Sharing program (making certain it wasn't competition to local business, feasibility etc.) the partnered with Enterprise Car Rentals and brought a Car Share pilot to Sackville, the first in New Brunswick
- **Tantramar Shuttle Service:** Eos Eco Engegy applied to run a shuttle service pilot. The service received a great amount of attention and interest, but ridership was lower than desired. Good data was collected and potential routes were
- Renaissance Sackville has a better relationship with the Town of Sackville, and had a productive "Working Better Together" meeting which refreshed the way the organizations work together.
- Looking forward to future collaborations with the town on Economic Development, and focus on poverty reduction, entrepreneurship & mental health strategies for 2014-2015

**Jeff Schnurr, Executive Director of Community Forests International:**

- Works with Tanzanians (Pemba, Africa), has planted 1.3 million trees there, built 2 scale rainwater systems, 100 ft ball fields of sustainable agriculture crops, owns a 700 acre farm & forest, recently acquired 6000 acres of woodlot to manage, and today planted 7000 trees.
- Their work is celebrated in Brussels, and supported in Millions of dollars by the European Union but Jeff came from Sackville with a lot of community support. Malcolm Fisher gave him his first job, support went to his head & he thought he could conquer the world, traveled, bought a motorcycle, travel the world, lived in Cambridge,
- Came back to Canada and wanted to do something .
- Moved to Montreal, founded Community Forests International there and set up shop at his kitchen table. Had an intern, Daimen Hardie (also from the region) who worked in Library in Halifax
- Wrote 40 proposals without response for doing work in Canada, was at the point where he was buying a loaf of bread on his Visa.
- Got their first grant with Renaissance Sackville. Jeff hitchhiked from Montreal to meet with Janine O'Reilly the then Executive Director, to build a Food Forest in Sackville, and realized that Sackville was their foundation.
- Renaissance encouraged Jeff to believe in himself & Sackville and base his organization here.

Janine O'Reilly, Treasurer and former Executive Director of RS is introduced to the floor.

- She mentions the notice to reader, that we weren't \$2300 overdrawn as it may appear.
- We in the past 3 years, have only ever had a surplus of \$3000
- Harold asks if anyone wants to accept notice to reader
- Christopher Mackay moves. Mayor Bob Berry seconds.
- Unanimous passing.

Harold Jarcho calls for Nominations to the board from our nomination committee.

- Slate includes new board member Ian Chew & Annie Sherrie to replace ex-officio Ian Smith for 2014.
- Harold calls for motion to approve slate as approved, Chris O'Reilly moves, Bruce Phinney Seconds, all in favor.

Janine O'Reilly moves to adjourn, Christopher Mackay seconds!

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