

THRIFT STORE – COUNCIL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2017

The thrift store has had a busy and successful summer. Below is a summary of the statistics:

June – Sales \$5385.55, Customers 458 and Volunteer Hours 238.75

July – Sales \$5625.20, Customers 508 and Volunteer Hours 242.25

August – Sales \$5871.45, Customers 520 and Volunteer Hours 262.75

We had two meetings over the summer – one on July 19th and one on September 6th – the minutes are attached.

Highlights:

- We hosted the Lodge on July 20th – they did some shopping and we had coffee and snacks
- We had a customer appreciation BBQ on August 11th – served 100 customers and raised \$279.05 for the school lunch program
- We were closed the Saturdays of the long weekends so our volunteers could enjoy the summer - We had a volunteer appreciation supper at Jean Curry's in June – we had a great time!
- We have purchased a lamppost in memory of Leroy Lausen that we will be installing at the community garden.
- We are working on getting a new outdoor sign made.
- Met with M&P to go over job description for thrift store manager and hiring contract. It was agreed upon and the position will be reviewed in October once the 6 month trial period is over.
- We had numerous sales – red and white Canada Day sale, summer clearance, back to school sale, storewide flash sale as well as weekly specials
- Manager did quite a bit of coverage at other jobs (church office and bank) but the volunteers covered as needed and it worked well. Our volunteers are amazing 😊 - We had a few new volunteers come on board.
- We will be doing a pricing review this next month – not looking at increasing prices but expanding our listing and making sure signage and pricing consistent.
- Our 5 year anniversary is coming up in November – talked about a few ideas of how to celebrate with volunteers and in store.
- Donations have been steady but have been able to keep up due to extra day open. Our shed is just about full for the rummage sale and the other shed for the Diabetic Association has about 250 bags to be sent. We sponsored 2 kids to go to Bar Harbour Camp. We have made lots of donations to groups of items including the museum, school, Mustard Seed, women's shelter, Victim Services, nursing home, lodge etc. We also are donating funds to various organizations – in motions below.

Could council ratify the following motions:

Motion - To put ad in ECA review for Canada Day issue at cost of \$28 – motion by Charlotte Preston . Seconded by Gloria McAfee . All in favour.

Motion - Charlotte Preston made a motion that Laura Creasy and Barb Burgemeister be able to pick out a style of lamp post and purchase anchor, lamp post, cement and plaque for a maximum of \$700. Seconded by Gloria McAfee. All in favour.

Motion - Gloria McAfee made motion to have customer appreciation BBQ on August 11th 11-1 serving hot dogs, smokies, pop and water. Donations taken for school lunch programs. Seconded by Charlotte Preston. All in favour.

MOTION: Motion made by Gloria Hutton to advertise the ECR Rodeo Edition for \$108. Linda Quaschnick seconded. All in favour.

MOTION: Motion made by Gloria McAfee to order sign from Richard Crowle for \$720 plus GST. Sherry Kinsmen seconded. All in favour.

MOTION: Gloria Hutton made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Community Youth Fund, \$1000 to the JC Charyk Concession Buck Program, \$1000 to the Primary School Hot Lunch Program. Gloria McAfee seconded. All in favour.