

**1 PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2005**

President Lisa Smith called the meeting to order at noon at the Grenville Arms Restaurant. Present were Directors Anne Sawyer, Robert Lawn, Brenda Kenney, Heather Lawless, Brent Laton, Chris O'Reilly, Tom Doyle, Sharon Spychi and members Kevin Ingleby, Marylou Murray, Bryan Somerville, Robert Haller, Robert Pelda and Jason Rooney. Minutes recorded by Lisa Smith.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** No agenda presented.

**2. REVIEW OF AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** No report presented.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for July 20, 2005 were approved as circulated on motion by Robert Lawn and seconded by Anne Sawyer. Carried.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Lisa Smith reported the merchant brochure has been distributed throughout the town with thanks to the BIA and Coordinator Monica Whitney. Copies have also been distributed in Morrisburg, Brockville and a service center near the Quebec/Ontario border and a number of stores have requested more. Contact Lisa at 925-4441 if you require more brochures.

Release of information forms for the Chamber's webpage member listing have been emailed and mailed out to all members. Please fill out these forms and return to the Chamber if you have not done so in order to have your business listed or not listed on the website. Jason Rooney provided an update of the website and suggested two names, prescottanddistrictchamber.com and prescottanddistrictchamberofcommerce.com. The new site will be named prescottanddistrictchamber.com.

Lisa attended closing night of the Shakespeare Festival which was again an outstanding production. Also the fireworks display by Hands was fabulous.

Robert Haller attended the Sunday night concert series the Chamber sponsored and reported it was excellent with a full house in attendance.

The application for the EODF funding for a joint coordinator has been submitted. The intern will be hopefully hired by September 6, 2005.

Lisa has been asked by Susan Fournier, Manager of the 1000 Islands Entrepreneurship Centre in Brockville, if the Chamber would like to host another Bridges to Better Business event this fall or winter. Also the Government has offered the Chamber to a free seminar on "How to do Business with the Government of Canada". Lisa suggested we tie these two events together and asked for suggestions and comments on holding this event. Discussion was held and it was motioned by Sharon Spychi and seconded by Brenda Kenney the Chamber pursue the Bridges to Better Business event to coincide with Small Business Week in October. Carried. Lisa will contact Sue Fournier and the Government Services office to start planning for this event for October 2005.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the Power Within event featuring former President of the U.S. Bill Clinton in Toronto on October 18, 2005. For more information and registration call 1-866-994-2555 or go to [www.powerwithin.com/occ.pdf](http://www.powerwithin.com/occ.pdf).

**5. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report presented.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report presented.

**7. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report presented.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:** No report presented.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. FINANCE:** No report presented.

**2. PROGRAM AND PLANNING:** Sharon Spychi presented fundraising ideas for discussion and review. Discussion was held and it was decided a car rally, Fall/Xmas fashion show and bingo would be looked at further and reported on at our next meeting. Contact Sharon at 925-5700 with your ideas and/or suggestions.

The Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at the Prescott Golf Club. Contact Allan Norton for more information at 925-4244 x 250.

**3. MEMBERSHIP:** No report presented.

#### **10. LIAISON REPORTS:**

**1. TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Robert Pelda reported the overpass and Edward Street contract had been awarded and construction would begin asap and work hopefully would be completed before school starts at SGD. Also tenders are being advertised for the new subdivision.

The Downtown Revitalization study is in and a meeting will be held with the stakeholders.

**2. TOURISM:** Tourism will meet tonight and again before our next meeting and therefore reported on at our next meeting. Tourism is presently working on a visitor survey with Ann Weir which will be finalized shortly.

Discussion was held regarding the signs at the Bridge and it was decided to recommend this to the Sign Committee and review it with them.

**3. SGED COMMITTEE:** There was discussion regarding the website, [www.southgrenville.com](http://www.southgrenville.com) which has information regarding the demographics, etc. of this area.

**4. BIA:** Tom Doyle reported on the sidewalk sale to be held this Saturday and had no information to report from the BIA meeting as he was not in attendance.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:** Chris Vallom reported on the Bike South Grenville organization that has been working on this area's bike path.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS:** No report presented.

**13. NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005** at the **GRENVILLE ARMS RESTAURANT** (925-0087), 513 King Street, West, Prescott commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome".

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m. on motion by Anne Sawyer and seconded by Brenda Kenney. Carried.