

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2009**

President Robert Lawn called the meeting to order at noon at the Red George Public House. Present were Directors Jessie Ritchie, Jim French, Beth Morris, Jim King, Roger Rhodes, Renata Kimmerly, Jen Wyman, members Julie Marshall, Don Farnsworth and guests Courtney Laidler, Emily Newark and Don Rivoire. Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Renata Kimmerly introduced Emily Newark, Account Manager of the BDC (Business Development Bank of Canada) and Beth Morris introduced Don Rivoire, VP of Business Development at St. Lawrence Printing and also attending was Courtney Laidler, EODP Administrator from GCFDC . Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved on motion by Renata Kimmerly and seconded by Jim French. (5 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

3. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS FROM LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** No report.

4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The minutes for July 15, 2009 were approved as circulated on motion by Roger Rhodes and seconded by Jessie Ritchie. (5 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Robert Lawn reported the Brockville C of C is holding a luncheon and presentation on August 25, 2009 featuring MP Yasir Naqvi, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Revenue who will discuss and explain the Harmonized Sales Tax. For more information contact Jenni Kirkland at 342-6553.

Robert reminded all about the Eastern Ontario Economic Showcase featuring Donald Trump to be held September 24, 2009 at the Ottawa Civic Centre . For more information go to www.easternontarioshowcase.com or contact Jim Doris at 925-9018. The Town of Prescott will have representatives at the showcase and also the Townships of Augusta and Edwardsburgh/Cardinal.

Robert also reminded everyone of the Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Prescott Golf Club. Donations and volunteers are needed. Contact Don Farnsworth at 246-3211 or Robert Lawn at 925-3480 to help and/or for more information.

The BIA, local Chambers, Prescott Council and Municipal representatives met in the spring and will meet again this fall to discuss ways of working together to better the community.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending July 31, 2009 was presented by treasurer Debbie Lawless. The financial statement was accepted as presented on motion by Jim King and seconded by Renata Kimmerly. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed.

8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for August 2009 was distributed to all present.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCE:** No report.

2. **PROGRAM AND PLANNING:** No report.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Robert Lawn reported one new member.

PPL Legal Care of Canada Corporation,
Brockville, Ontario
Ms. Faye Beckstead
(Legal Services/Identity Theft Solutions)

This new member was accepted on motion by Jim King and seconded by Renata Kimmerly. (5 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

11. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** No report.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** No report.

3. **TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:** No report.

4. **GCFDC:** Courtney Laidler, EODP Administrator, reported the new business loan limit has increased to \$250,000 and the new Eastern Ontario Investment Pool with business loans up to \$500,000. Contact Mike O'Keefe and 925-4275 for more information.

There are no cost consultations and referrals for businesses available also.

The next 8 week Business Plan Development workshop starts September 14, 2009 and the next information and orientation session is scheduled for September 17, 2009 in Brockville. Contact Cathy Gilmer at 925-4275 for more information.

The next deadline for the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) is August 28, 2009 and you may go to www.grenvillecfdc.com for details or contact Courtney Laidler at 925-4275.

5. **BIA:** No report.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** No report.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Don Farnsworth noted an information flyer and registration form will be sent out shortly regarding the Chamber's Annual Golf tournament.

The invoice received for renewal of hosting the chamber's website and renewal of domain name for \$80.00 from Red Top Design was discussed and motioned by Jim French and seconded by Jen Wyman to pay the \$80.00 to Red Top Design. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held **one week later**, due to the Chamber's Golf Tournament, on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009** at the **RED GEORGE PUBLIC HOUSE** commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome"

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on motion by Jim King and seconded by Renata Kimmerly. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.