

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2010**

Vice-President Jen Wyman called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were Directors Robert Lawn, Ray Young, Gerry Hasiuk, Julie Marshall, Heather Lawless, Dan Cook, Beth Morris, Brenda Minish, Jessie De Vries, Roger Rhodes, Bonnie Gommert, members Don Rivoire, Don Farnsworth, Suzanne Dodge, Wayne Woods and Allan Norton. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Roger Rhodes introduced new member Wayne Woods of Woods and Associates in Prescott.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved on motion by Julie Marshall and seconded by Jessie De Varies. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
3. **REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The Annual Dinner Committee's review to seek suggestions and comments was deferred to next meeting.
4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The minutes for July 21, 2010 were approved as circulated on motion by Dan Cook and seconded by Gerry Hasiuk. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jen Wyman reported the following on behalf of Brent Laton.

Brent met with representatives from the BIA and the town of Prescott regarding the proposal to expand Prescott's Farmers' Market and all were in favor and a steering committee was formed. Mayor Dodge is organizing a meeting for September which will feature a representative from the Ontario Farmers' Market Organization.

Brent also met with Mayor Suzanne Dodge regarding Prescott's Economic Development "Think Tank". The Mayor agreed to hold another meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010 in the Town Hall Community Room at 6 p.m. All are invited to attend. Present will be Brian Ritchie from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs who will speak primarily on downtown revitalization.

The Morris Group has agreed to sponsor an All Candidates meeting with Don Rivoire volunteering as moderator. Brent is willing to contact the Prescott Legion or any other venue to see if they are willing to sponsor/organize the meeting this year.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jen Wyman reported the Golf Committee has met and information flyers and registration forms are ready and will be circulated this week. Sponsors for 18 holes have been filled. Shakespeare volunteers have been helping to seek donations for prizes but more volunteers are needed. Hole-in-one judges are needed and 2 hole-in-one sponsors also. Please contact Jen at 925-1969 or Ray Young at 925-2484 or Don Rivoire at 925-4265 or Don Farnsworth at 246-3211 for more information and/or if you are able to help out.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Debbie Lawless for period ending July 31, 2010. The report was accepted on motion by Julie Marshall and seconded by Bonnie Gommert. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed.

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

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for August 2010 was distributed to all present.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCE:** Roger Rhodes reported a request was received from Prescott Pirate Days to donate towards the 4th Annual Pirate Days event. The Finance committee recommended \$500.00. Discussion was held and it was motioned by Brenda Minish and seconded by Gerry Hasiuk to donate \$452.00, the amount to pay the cost for impersonator Captain Jack Sparrow. (8 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

A request for \$1000.00 was received from the Food For All Food Bank for emergency food supplies. The Finance committee recommended \$500.00. A motion was made by Roger Rhodes to donate \$500.00 for emergency food for the food bank. Discussion was held and it was decided to amend the amount to \$1000.00. Motion was made by Julie Marshall and seconded by Brenda Minish to donate \$1000.00 to purchase emergency food for the Food For All Food Bank. (9 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

Please note Bonnie Gommert declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

11. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Mayor Suzanne Dodge explained the downtown meeting which will be held on September 13, 2010 and that Brian Ritchie will speak and discuss programs available for downtown revitalization. Input from the community to implement an action plan is needed and welcomed.

Brockville is celebrating its Bi-Centennial and is looking for events to hold to recognize this occasion.

The sewer project is almost ready and the former OPP station is still being discussed with Ontario Realty. Work on the \$2 million new structure at the Fort will begin shortly and hopefully ready to open in March or April 2011.

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

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

4. **GCFDC:** Heather Lawless reported business loans are available up to \$250,000 and new Eastern Ontario Investment Pool loans up to \$600,000. Contact Mike O'Keefe at 925-4275 x 22 for more information.

The SEB (Self Employment Benefit) program has been renewed with information and orientation session on November 4, 2010 at Prescott's town hall. Contact Cathy Gilmer at 925-4275 x 25 for more information or go to www.grenvillecfdc.com.

Deadline for the Eastern Ontario Development program is noon on September 15, 2010 and applications will be accepted until funds are fully committed. Contact Cathy Gilmer at 925-4275 x 25 for more information.

5. **BIA:** Ray Young urged all to attend the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville 2010 "Future Directions" Economic Development summit on Friday, September 15 at noon at Kemptville's Municipal Centre and should include thanking key-note speaker Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology) Federal Economic Development Agency of Southern Ontario for what Prescott has received so far. An inter-active session will take place on 2009-10 panel series recommendations.

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

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Bonnie Gommert reported the Food For All Food Bank will be holding it's Annual Bottom Line Food Challenge event on September 18, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are hoping to raise \$8000.00. Contact Bonnie at 925-2444 for more information.

Jessie De Vries presented the Chamber with a plaque in appreciation of donations made to the Shakespeare Festival.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held **one week later on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010** due to the Chamber's Golf Tournament being held on September 15, 2010. Meeting will commence at noon at the **RED GEORGE PUBLIC HOUSE**. "Everyone Welcome"

REMINDER: The **Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament** will be held on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010** at the Prescott Golf Club. Contact Don Rivoire at 925-4265 or Don Farnsworth at 246-3211 for more information.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. on motion by Jessie De Vries and seconded by Julie Marshall. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.