



Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting,
August 17th, 2011, at The Red George

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon.

Present: Directors Jen Wyman, Dan Roddick, Jim French, Pat Sayeau, Bill Pakeman, Beth Morris, Gerry Hasiuk, R Lawn, Dan Cook, B Laton

Members: Mike Baril, Rebecca Campbell, Larry Dishaw, Ted Livingstone, Doug Malanka, Lorne Mallory, Randy Helmer

Guests: Shaun Kelly, Chuck Street, Bob Hasiuk

A quorum was established.

Gerry Hasiuk introduced his son, Bob Hasiuk from Colborne, Ont.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Jim French that the agenda be approved. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Pat Sayeau, seconded by Brent Laton, that the minutes of the meeting May 18, be approved. Carried.

Moved by Jim French, seconded by Dan Cook, that the minutes of the meeting July 20, be approved. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jen Wyman.

1. The ad for the secretarial position was posted and advertised in the Journal.
2. The next challenge for the focusing committee will be setting guidelines and expectations for directors, and also reviewing the bylaws.
3. It was proposed that recruitment be a sub committee of the membership committee.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Moved by Brent Laton, seconded by Dan Cook, that Dan Roddick be appointed Vice President of the Chamber as recommended by the nominating committee. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: BILL PAKEMAN

Moved by Bill Pakeman, seconded by Gerry Hasiuk that the new format of the budget be approved. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FOCUSING COMMITTEE:

Pat Sayeau reported that the changes and updating of the website is being done.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Bill Pakeman reported that membership numbers are growing. No new members for this month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bill Pakeman

Requests for funding were received from the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, Sunday Night Concerts, and Loyalist Days.

1. Moved by Bill Pakeman, seconded by Pat Sayeau that St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival be given \$2,000. Carried.
 2. Moved by Bill Pakeman, seconded by Brent Laton, that \$500 be donated to Sunday Night Concerts. Carried.
 3. Moved by Bill Pakeman, seconded by Dan Roddick, that \$750 be donated to Loyalist Days. Carried.
- It was recommended that applicants for funding should provide budgets with their applications.

PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Jen Wyman reported that 11 teams have signed up for the golf tournament. Requests have been sent out for prizes and donations. Prizes can be dropped off at Canadian tire.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Business After 5 committee.

LIASON REPORTS:

BIA

Beth Morris introduced Chuck Street who is the new manager of the BIA. Chuck gave an overview of his position, and what a BIA can do. This includes beautification, marketing and promotions. He spoke of some of the ways to achieve these goals, and ways to improve Prescott's downtown businesses. Events coming up include the Nostalgia Roadshow to co-ordinate with Loyalist Days.

TOURISM – Shaun Kelly

Shaun reported on the proposed implementation of a room tax in OTR9. Voting will take place in 2012, and could be a tax of 1, 2, or 3%.

TOWN OF PRESCOTT – Robert Lawn

Robert reported on the new sidewalk plough, the completion of the asphalt paving, replacing lights at the arena, and the fireworks by-law.

Also, re social housing, 2 houses on Churchill Rd. will be renovated or rebuilt. Also Habitat for Humanity will be building 2 semi-detached houses over 3 to 4 years on the south east corner of the South Grenville High School property. 157 out of 1700 social housing units in Leeds and Grenville are located in Prescott, with 23% of the county social housing population in Prescott.

The Heritage Committee is now functioning with 7 members.

The August auditor's report was positive.

The waterfront park will be discussed at Monday night's committee meeting.

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA – Doug Malanka

1. The CAO position has not yet been filled.
2. A code of conduct policy has been adopted.
3. It is the 200th Anniversary of the Labour Day celebrations.
4. 30 immigrant investors are touring this area.
5. The RFPs for Maitland School property ready at end of the month.

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Beth Morris reported that she will be travelling to China in September with a delegation of 6 people to attend the International Tourism Expo in Guilin. The Canadian booth will be promoting tourism in the 1000 Islands region, and the delegates will have the opportunity to meet with the representatives of the other countries, as well as Chinese tour operators and the public. As well, Beth will be showing a continuous loop of a slideshow depicting recreational activities in the area, including boating, scuba diving, bicycling, fishing, ice fishing, Loyalist Days, Shakespeare Festival, War of 1812 200th Anniversary activities, etc.

Next month's meeting is Wed., Sept. 21, noon at the Wok House.

Moved by Bill Pakeman, seconded by Beth Morris that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.