

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2008**

President Mike Martel called the meeting to order at noon at the Red George Public House. Present were: Directors Sharon Spychi, Robert Lawn, Ray Young, Bryan Somerville, Bill Pakeman, Brent Laton, members Bonnie Martel, Brett Todd, Pat Sayeau, Jessie Ritchie, Jane Hamilton and guest Lori Todd. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** No report.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda for December 17, 2008 was approved on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Robert Lawn. (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 November 19, 2008 were approved as circulated on motion by Sharon Spychi and seconded by Ray Young. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mike Martel reported work is in progress on the ride sharing program and he has invited a web designer to hopefully attend our January meeting to explain the project.
6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sharon Spychi presented the treasurer's report for period ending November 30, 2008. Sharon noted there are no outstanding cheques. The financial statement was approved as presented on motion by Robert Lawn and seconded by Bill Pakeman. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed.
8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for December 2008 was distributed to all present.

Item #1: Ontario C of C invoice for 2009 membership renewal for \$1284.36. Motion was made by Sharon Spychi and seconded by Bill Pakeman the Ontario C of C 2009 membership renewal for \$1284.36 be paid. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 1. **FINANCE:** Sharon Spychi reported a profit of \$3746.50 was made at the Chamber's golf tournament and the two items not picked up from the auction will be transferred over to the Annual Dinner's silent auction.

2. **PROGRAM AND PLANNING:** Bill Pakeman reported for the nominating committee and the next Board of Directors meeting will be the Annual General Meeting with the Election of Officers taking place. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board for 2009 may contact Robert Lawn at 925-3480 or Bill Pakeman at 925-2711.

Mike Martel also noted the awards committee has met and will meet again in early January.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

11. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Brett Todd reported public meetings have been held regarding zoning bylaw and some changes have been made. The revised proposal is to be introduced in early January.

Hiring has taken place for the four vacant positions, Director of Public Works, Public Works Supervisor, Water Operator and Deputy Clerk.

Interest has been shown regarding the old Daniel's Hotel property which could include condos, retail and parking.

Alpine has been sold and renovations are underway for a bar, restaurant and condos.

The sewage plant rental to Edwardsburgh/Cardinal is still in negotiations with the deadline being January 15, 2009.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Bill Pakeman reported Council is working on the budget and are into union negotiations.

Plans for the volunteers Christmas party are underway.

Also Reeve Mel Campbell has been acclaimed as Warden of the United Counties for Leeds and Grenville.

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

4. **SGED COMMITTEE:** No report.

5. **GCFDC:** No report.

6. **BIA:** Ray Young reported stores are stocked and ready for business.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. John Creighton, Managing Director of Logistics for the GreenField Ethanol plant in Johnstown briefly explained plant operations and progress to date. The plant began producing December 8 and was in full production December 10.

The plant operates 24 hours per day, seven days a week and employs 46 permanent employees. Also the plant is now shipping dried distillers grains.

The grand opening is scheduled to take place in the spring of 2009.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Mike Martel noted he has learned much and thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent the Chamber as President.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting** with the **Election of Officers** taking place on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009** at the **BRIDGEVIEW RESTAURANT** commencing at noon. "EVERYONE WELCOME"

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. on motion by Sharon Spychi and seconded by Brent Laton. (6 for, 0 opposed) Carried.