

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

President Brent Laton called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were Vice-President Jen Wyman, Directors Mike Baril, Ray Young, Heather Lawless, Jim French, Ken Durand, Jessie De Vries, Gerry Hasiuk, Roger Rhodes, Pat Sayeau, members Hugh Cameron, Don Rivoire, Fran O'Halloran and Bonnie Gommert. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Don Rivoire introduced Fran O'Halloran of St. Lawrence Printing.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was amended to include a request from Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Township to support renewal of the TODS signage program. The agenda was then approved on motion by Ray Young and seconded by Jen Wyman. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
3. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** No report
4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The minutes for January 20, 2010 were approved as circulated on motion by Gerry Hasiuk and seconded by Jen Wyman. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Brent Laton noted the passing of long time Chamber member Mr. Geoffrey Caldwell and that the Chamber donated \$100.00 to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in memory of him. The Caldwells initiated and have sponsored the Connie Dickey Youth Award yearly.

He also thanked those who volunteered to sit on committees for 2010. Others wishing to volunteer may contact the Chair of each committee below.

Finance - Chair Bill Pakeman 925-2711  
Program and Planning - Jen Wyman 925-1969  
Membership - Chair Bill Pakeman 925-2711  
Annual Awards - Chair Jen Wyman 925-1969  
Annual Awards Selection - Chair Mike Baril 925-4277

Brent attended the UCLG Economic Development bio-products/green technology panel series which presented information on what great opportunities are available regarding bio-products and green technology and the green energy act.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The financial report for period ending January 31, 2010 was presented by treasurer Debbie Lawless. The report was accepted on motion by Jim French and seconded by Ken Durand. (6 for, 0 opposed) Carried. Copy enclosed.
8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report presented.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for February 2010 was distributed to all present.

## 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE:** No report.

2. **PROGRAM AND PLANNING:** Chair Jen Wyman reported the committee is working on the Annual Dinner. Ideas for a guest speaker are welcomed. You may contact Jen at 925-1969 or [jen@thehipjoint.ca](mailto:jen@thehipjoint.ca). She is also planning to hold another Business After 5 event after the Annual Dinner takes place.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Brent Laton reported two new members.

Four Season Truck Brokers,  
Brockville, Ontario  
Craig Rayvals

This new member was approved on motion by Heather Lawless and seconded by Roger Rhodes. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

Food For All Food Bank,  
Prescott, Ontario  
Bonnie Gommert

This new member was approved on motion by Ray Young and seconded by Jen Wyman. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

Discussion was held and Bonnie Gommert was approved for Director for 2010 on motion by Mike Baril and seconded by Ray Young. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

Also discussion was held and it was motioned by Jen Wyman and seconded by Jessie De Vries to change Geoff Caldwell to Judith Caldwell as a Chamber member. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

## 11. LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Ray Young reported Fort Wellington has received funding to build a new visitor's center and to bring the 1812 Vintage gun boat from Gananoque to the Fort.

Council is hoping for less than a 2% increase for the budget and 0% for the sewer/water budget.

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

3. **TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:** Hugh Cameron reported on the following on behalf of Mayor Larry Dishaw.

- UCLG Bio-products seminar held which included information on solar/bio-fuels/bio-waste conversion/OPC was very successful

- Council looking at advanced meter infrastructure (meshing electrical/water meter technology for Cardinal

- met with Greenfield regarding use of waste products (CO2 and hot water) for heating greenhouse complex and discussed storage and shipping of dry distiller grains and wood

pellet/briquet manufacturing (storage and shipping) at port area and industrial park

-delegation for wood centre met with Minister Michael Gravelle of Northern Affairs, Mining and Forestry to discuss getting support for research/innovation centre and development of business case in industrial park

- met with FPI (Forest Products Innovation) who wish to provide consultants to support wood homes for Haiti project who need developer/container and shipping companies for project

-Leeds and 1000 Islands, Brockville and Township of Augusta and Edwardsburgh/Cardinal planning and working on costs to send delegation to visit China in June

- Township results for 2009

-25 new homes built, Macs business opened, UCLG patrol garage addition, church conversion to apartments, communications tower, Bencan commercial storage building, Casco Industrial addition, Kenora Farms barn, Dobbie Farms barn, Greenfield rail car shelter, Port of Prescott grain bin storage project

-total values \$14.7 million, permit fees \$90,000

-Council working on 2010 budget

4. **GCFDC:** Heather Lawless reported the outlook is looking positive as they await approval for funding.

Also Heather noted three volunteers are needed to help with seeking donations for the silent auction. Jen Wyman volunteered. Please contact Heather at 925-4275 if you can help out.

5. **BIA:** Ray Young noted the Election of Officers for the BIA will be held tomorrow night.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Pat Sayeau reported the TODS signage program for three signs for the 401 and 416 highways is up for renewal.

There are three welcome signs involved and all necessary arrangements have been made to proceed with renewing the project to create and install the signs but the program needs support for the application to re-approve the signs.

Discussion was held and it was motioned by Gerry Hasiuk and seconded by Jen Wyman the Chamber send a letter of support for the application to re-approve the three TODS signs on highways 401 and 416. (7 for, 0 opposed) Carried.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Gerry Hasiuk commended the group of Chamber members involved in bringing St. Lawrence Printing to Johnstown and noted he was proud to be part of it. Gerry stated we must stick together and help each other out and support our local businesses.

Gerry is also in the process of utilizing the new solar system grid program and suggested others to take a look at this.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010** at the **RED GEORGE PUBLIC HOUSE** commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome"

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. on motion by Jessie De Vries and seconded by Bonnie Gommert. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

