

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

President Jen Wyman called the meeting to order at noon at the Red George Public House. Present were Vice-President Don Rivoire, Directors Pat Sayeau, Brent Laton, Gerry Hasiuk, Brenda Minish, Robert lawn, Heather Lawless, Beth Morris, Ken Durand, Roger Rhodes, Don Cook, Shawn Lockett, members Doug Malanka, Hugh Cameron, Shaun Kelly, Allan Norton, Bill Sloan, and guest Dan Roddick. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Jen Wyman introduced Dan Roddick of Edward Jones
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved on motion by Ken Durand and seconded by Roger Rhodes. (8 for, 0 opposed) Carried.
3. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** No report.
4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The minutes for January 19, 2011 were approved on motion by Robert Lawn and seconded by Roger Rhodes. (8 for, 0 opposed) Carried.
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jen Wyman reported plans for the Annual Dinner are underway.

The golf committee needs volunteers as it will now be a full day event. Please contact Jen at 925-1969 if interested in helping out.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Don Rivoire reported the Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at the Prescott Golf Club. All awards have been sponsored and guest speaker is Leeds/Grenville MPP Steve Clark. Over 200 raffle tickets have been sold and nomination information flyers will be out in next week's Prescott Journal.

A committee was formed to review the Chamber's bylaws and mandate. Volunteering were Pat Sayeau, Doug Malanka and Brent Laton.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending January 31, 2011 was presented by Debbie Lawless. The financial statement was accepted on motion by Brenda Minish and seconded by Beth Morris. (7 for, 0 opposed) Carried. Copy enclosed.
8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence for February 2011 was distributed to all present.

ITEM #1: Canadian C of C 2011 membership dues invoice for \$391.78.

It was motioned by Brent Laton and seconded by Beth Morris the Chamber pay the 2011 Canadian Chamber of Commerce membership dues in the amount of \$391.78. (7 for, 0 opposed) Carried.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE:** Volunteering for the Finance Committee were Bill Pakeman, Chair, Roger Rhodes, Brenda Minish, Brent Laton and Jen Wyman and they will meet before the end of the month.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Jen Wyman reported two new members.

Cardinal Flowers and Gift Gallery
Cardinal, Ontario
(Mike O'Brien/Frank Fralic)
Flowers and Gift Shop

Dominion Lending Centres,
Brockville, Ontario
(Tina Murray)
Mortgage Agent

The above members were accepted on motion by Roger Rhodes and seconded by Pat Sayeau. (9 for, 0 opposed) Carried.

11. LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Robert Lawn reported the issue of eliminating train whistles has been brought to Council once again and further discussion will take place on options available and costs of fencing.

Council is looking into the cost for repayment of \$5 million debenture over 25 years for the new sewage treatment plant in Johnstown.

Council is presently reviewing the procedural bylaws and proposed changes.

Recycling and garbage pickup will be weekly beginning March 3, 2011 with a review after one year.

Budget deliberations will be held tonight.

Appointments were made to the Fire and Police Departments.

Property across from SGDHS was re-zoned for commercial use from residential.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Doug Malanka reported the Economic Development Leadership award named after Bill Thake was awarded to Glenn Allan. All nominees were recognized and awarded.

Budget meetings are being held.

Mayor's Breakfast is being held on March 4, 2011 at the Grenville Snowmobile Club and Doug encouraged business owners to attend as neighboring Mayors will be discussing Economic

Development. The breakfast is being sponsored by Burnbrae Farms. Contact Paula at 342-8772 ext. 47 for more information.

A Business Fair will be held at the Maitland Fire hall on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Contact Doug at 925-2554 for more information.

A public meeting will be held on March 23, 2011 regarding proposed zoning bylaw changes.

OGRA and ROMA conference will be held in Toronto at the end of February.

3. TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:

Mayor Bill Sloan reported the first draft of the budget will be presented Tuesday night.

Cardinal Winter Carnival was recently held and SGMHA held a tournament, the Legion held breakfast for players, movies were shown, outdoor rink was used, Little Reptiles show was held and the event was a huge success.

Council met with proposed engineering firm regarding Port of Prescott \$34 million project for wharf expansion which will take 4 years to complete. Start date will be July 15, 2011 due to fish habitat.

Council has restructured committees and added the Economic Development/Recreation committee.

Bill is looking forward to working with and partnering with neighboring municipalities.

4. **GCFDC:** Heather Lawless reported Ben TeKamp is retiring after 16 years of service at the end of March and an open house for Ben will be held at O'Heaphy's in Prescott on March 23, 2011 from 7-9 p.m.. Cathy Gilmer is replacing Ben as of the end of April 2011.

GCFDC is seeking an SEB Program Assistant Administrator. Go to www.grenvillecfdc.com for more information.

The next SEB program information and orientation session begins March 3, 2011 and workshops start in May. Contact Cathy at 925-4275 ext. 26 or go to seb@grenvillecfdc.com for more information.

5. **BIA:** Beth Morris reported the AGM will be held on February 24, 2011 at the Prescott Public Library and directors are needed. Contact Beth at 925-4265 if interested in becoming a director.

The budget will be presented after the new Board of Directors has been selected.

6. **TOURISM:** Shaun Kelly reported he has been elected to the Region 9 Marketing sub-committee with Brockville and Region 9 was given \$3 million for two years, approximately \$1.5 million per year from the Ontario Government to market this area.

Veryclose campaign was launched by this committee to market it to Ottawa and Quebec region. Website is www.veryclose.ca.

RFPs are out for various items including branding, web marketing, marketing research, etc.

He attended a meeting to attract cycle tour groups here and hopes to raise the profile of Prescott.

Presently preparing for 39th Annual Leo Boivin Midget AA/AAA Tournament in Prescott being held on March 24 to 27, 2011 and now have 10-12 teams but can take up to 16 teams.

The tournament needs sponsors and volunteers. Please contact Chair, Chris Veltkamp at 925-4147 or go to www.leoboivinshowcase.ca for more information.

Also Shaun runs the town's website which gets many hits. To place your events contact Shaun at 925-2812 or email to tourism@prescott.ca

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Roger Rhodes handed out Chamber insurance plan brochures and briefly explained revenue costs, etc. For more information on the plan contact Roger at 342-9525 or go to www.chamber.ca.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS:** No report.

13. **CLOSING REMARKS:** Don Rivoire noted the town and townships reports are positive and good things are happening. He also thanked all for their positive participation.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011** at **BOOMERS**, King Street, Prescott. "Everyone Welcome"

Please return any sold raffle ticket money, stubs and unsold tickets at meeting.

Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet to be held March 24, 2011 at the Prescott Golf Club.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. on motion by Brent Laton and seconded by Dan Cook. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.