

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2006**

President Lisa Smith called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were Treasurer Allan Norton, Directors Robert Lawn, Bill Pakeman, Ken Durand, Tom Doyle, Brent Laton, Mike Baril, members Tim Ruhnke, Tina Murray, Mary Lou Murray, Matt Rowbotham, Mike Major, Sandra Lawn, Bryan Somerville, Suzanne Dodge and guest Melissa Ablett. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: No report presented.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for January 18, 2006 was approved on motion by Ken Durand and seconded by Mike Baril. (5 for 0 opposed) Carried.

3. REVIEW OF AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: No report presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for November 16 and December 14, 2005 were approved as circulated on motion by Ken Durand and seconded by Robert Lawn. (5 for 0 opposed) Carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lisa welcomed everyone and wished all present a Happy New Year and prosperous 2006.

As Lisa is ending her term as President she highlighted some of the valuable contributions the Chamber made in 2005 such as:

- two successful Bridges to Better Business events.
- publication of the Prescott Merchant Brochure
- Chamber Web-site
- Appreciation Plaques recognizing award winners proudly displayed in the Town Hall
- successful Annual Awards Dinner and Golf Tournament
- financial support to the following organizations: Sunday Concerts, Prescott Public Library, Harbour Days, St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, Light up the Night Christmas Parade and South Grenville High School Bursary
- partnerships with the Town of Prescott and our neighboring Townships, BIA, Tourism, Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation, 1000 Island Entrepreneurship Centre, St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, Prescott Public Library

Lisa thanked all members who contributed to a successful year and also thanked the Board, Directors and membership for the opportunity to serve as President of the Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce for 2005.

Ken Durand thanked Lisa for doing an excellent job in fulfilling the position of President for the Chamber for 2005.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report presented.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Allan Norton presented the treasurer's report for period ending December 31, 2005. The financial statement was accepted on motion by Robert Lawn and seconded by Mike Baril. (7 for 0 opposed) Carried.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debbie Lawless noted the 2006 membership dues will be invoiced shortly and sent out to all Chamber members.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: A list of correspondence received for January 2006 was distributed to all present.

Item #3 & #4: Discussion was held and it was motioned by Ken Durand and seconded by Tom Doyle the Chamber pay invoices received for \$1242.27 for the 2006 Ontario C of C Annual dues and \$321.00 for the 2006 Canadian C of C dues. (5 for 0 opposed) Carried.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FINANCE: No report presented.

2. PROGRAM AND PLANNING: No report presented.

3. MEMBERSHIP: Two new members were reported.

Meritech Consulting Corporation,
Kemptville, Ontario
Grant Whittaker
(Office Administration)

WSIB Answers,
Spencerville, Ontario
Beverly Kelemen
(Consulting)

The above new members were accepted as presented on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Mike Baril. (5 for 0 opposed) Carried.

11. LIAISON REPORTS:

1. TOWN OF PRESCOTT: Robert Lawn reported due to the recent Hathaway's plant closure a Walk-In Action Centre, which is funded by the Government, is now available to assist former employees to seek and prepare for employment.

Council is still awaiting approval of the Official Plan from the Ministry. When approval has been received Council may then review and develop new zoning bylaws.

The lots for the new subdivision will be available next month.

In March tenders will be out for the water and sewer plant project.

The Public Library has passed the \$300,000 mark. Robert noted the library is the single most significant asset in town. People of all ages can improve their literacy which will enable them to enter the job market. Please support our local library!

Budget meetings will begin next Tuesday and hopefully by the end of February 2006 the budget will be complete.

As Council moves into it's third year, Robert wished to note, that this Council has been excellent, always working as a team and their accomplishments and what will be accomplished have been great.

2. TOURISM: Melissa Ablett reported the new Tourism brochures have been completed and printed and also have been distributed across Ontario.

Melissa is presently working on the year in review and plans for 2006.

Sandra Lawn, Co-chair of the 2007 Brockville and Area Ontario Senior Winter Games organizing committee reported a luncheon is being held in February 2006. The Chamber is invited to send a representative to the luncheon and Marc Bonneau will be the keynote speaker.

3. SGED COMMITTEE: No report presented.

4. BIA: No report presented.

12. NEW BUSINESS: Lisa reported the EMC Progress Edition for 2006 is in the works and anyone wishing to place an ad in the issue may contact her at 925-4441 or Anne Sawyer at 498-0305 ext. 104 for more information.

Small Business Seminars on “Starting a Small Business in Ontario” will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at the Prescott Town Hall and on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at the Kemptville Municipal Complex and “Developing Business Strategies” will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at the Prescott Town Hall and Thursday, March 7, 2006 at the Kemptville Municipal Complex. Cost is \$20.00 each or 2 for \$30.00 To register contact Wendy Onstein at the Leeds and Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre at 613-342-8772 x 470 or wonstein@brockville.com.

Lisa noted in regards to Eva Neron’s Mural of the CPR Railway depot the groups have yet to meet to discuss ideas on whether to purchase the mural and/or placement of the mural Lisa will followup on this matter.

As Lisa is ending her term as President she asked the Board on what capacity they would like her to continue with her work for the Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee and in overseeing Melissa Ablett’s position as Joint-Coordinator until her contract expires in February 2006. Discussion was held and motion was made by Ken Durand and seconded by Mike Baril that Lisa continue on working with the Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee and in overseeing Melissa’s position as Joint-Coordinator. (6 for 0 opposed) Carried.

13. OTHER BUSINESS: Mike Baril presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

Mike Baril motioned and Allan Norton seconded to accept nominations for Lisa Smith for Vice-President and Mary Lou Murray, Tina Murray and Matt Rowbotham for Directors. (5 for 0 opposed) Carried.

As there were no further nominations Brent Laton motioned and Bill Pakeman seconded to close nominations. (5 for 0 Opposed) Carried.

The report of the nominating committee and nominations were accepted as presented on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Ken Durand. (6 for 0 opposed) Carried.

A list of the new executive of the Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce for 2006 is enclosed.

14. NEXT MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006** at the **BRIDGEVIEW RESTAURANT** commencing at noon. “Everyone Welcome”.

15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Brent Laton. (7 for 0 opposed) Carried.

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT
December 31, 2005**

BANK BALANCES December 31, 2005

Current Account	\$ 8,726.20	
Items Outstanding	(473.09)	
Mutual Fund Investment	21,288.88	\$ 29,541.99

Plus Income

Membership	9,444.55	
Annual Dinner	6,254.50	
Insurance	4,203.49	
Special Events	1,831.10	
Directory	0.00	
Golf Tournament	8,655.00	
Interest	302.26	
Misc.	1,742.74	
50/50 draws	291.50	<u>32,725.14</u>
		\$62,267.13

Less Disbursements

Membership	\$ 1,562.20	
Annual Dinner	4,013.89	
Special Events	3,697.33	
Golf Tournament	5,309.68	
Stationary	617.95	
Salary & Wages	7,072.94	
Advertising	83.89	
Postage	612.68	
Insurance	621.00	
Bursaries/Donations	7,000.00	
Misc.	12,728.71	<u>43,320.27</u>
		\$18,946.86

BANK BALANCES December 31, 2005

Current Account	\$ 3,457.10	
Mutual Fund	<u>16,591.14</u>	
(Cheques Outstanding)	1,101.38	\$18,946.86

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RALPH LEGERE, President,
Gold Key Realty,
101 Henry Street,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2002

KEN RUNDLE, Director,
Giant Tiger,
103 Churchill Road,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4615

LISA SMITH, Vice-President,
House of Flowers,
P.O. Box 1346,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4441

ADRIAN VANSCHIE, Director
Invista (Canada) Company,
P.O. Box 611,
Maitland, Ontario 348-4279

ALLAN NORTON, Treasurer,
Toronto Dominion Bank,
P.O. Box 1300,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4244 ext. 250

JIM FRENCH, Director,
P.O. Box 1615,
Prescott, Ontario 925-5067

DEBBIE LAWLESS, Secretary,
P.O. Box 2000,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2171

CHRIS O'REILLY, Director,
Your Independent Grocer,
P.O. Box 490,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4625

BILL PAKEMAN, Director,
Pakeman Insurance,
R.R. #1,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2755

ANNE SAWYER, Director,
EMC Record News,
7712 Kent Blvd.,
Brockville, Ontario 498-0305

ROBERT LAWN, Director,
Sandra S. Lawn & Associates,
P.O. Box 1634,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2812

BRENT LATON, Director,
The Laton Group,
P.O. Box 31,
Prescott, Ontario 925-3313

RAY YOUNG, Director,
Youngs of Prescott,
P.O. Box 487,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2484

MIKE BARIL, Director,
Prescott Machine & Welding,
R.R. #3,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4277

BRENDA KENNEY, Director,
SICPA North America Inc.,
P.O. Box 1180,
Prescott, Ontario 925-5951

MARY LOU MURRAY, Director
Royal Bank of Canada,
P.O. Box 460,
Prescott, Ontario 925-5265

HEATHER LAWLESS, Director,
Grenville Community Develop. Ctre.,
P.O. Box 309,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4275

MATT ROWBOTHAM, Director,
Q102.9/YES,
Waters Communications,
125 Stewart Blvd., Ste. 201,
Brockville, Ontario 345-3800

SHARON SPYCHI, Director,
Tan & Tone,
330 King Street, West,
Prescott, Ontario 925-5700

TINA MURRAY, Director
Royal Bank of Canada,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2861

TOM DOYLE, Director,
Doyle's Mens Wear,
P.O. Box 637,
Prescott, Ontario 925-3422

LEWIS BEACH, Director,
Beach Home Hardware,
P.O. Box 849,
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KEN DURAND, Director,
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