

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 20, 2010**

Vice-President Brent Laton called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were President Robert Lawn, Past-President Mike Martel, Directors Bill Pakeman, Jen Wyman, Heather Lawless, Brenda Minish, Gerry Hasiuk, Jesse De Vries, Roger Rhodes, Renata Kimmerly, members Lorne Mallory, Larry Dishaw, Pat Sayeau, Hugh Cameron, Julie Marshall, Sandra Lawn, Dan Cook, Bonnie Martel, Don Rivoire, Tim Ruhnke, Pat Hasiuk and guest Bonnie Gommert. Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** All present introduced themselves and the business they represent.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Jen Wyman. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
3. **REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** Discussion was held and it was motioned by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Robert Lawn the present number of Directors to sit on the Board of Directors as per our bylaws be lowered to 20 maximum from 25 and the number for quorum be reduced to 5 from 7. (9 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

Bill Pakeman presented the report of the nominating committee on behalf of committee members Mike Baril, Heather Lawless and himself.

1. that the resignations from Directors Lewis Beach, Jim King, Mike Martel, Allan Norton and Lisa Smith be accepted with regret and that we extend thanks to all for their service on the Board:
2. that Debbie Lawless be appointed to the position of Secretary/Treasurer
3. and that the following people be nominated to serve in the stated capacities on the Board of Directors for 2010, a one year term commencing today:

President Brent Laton  
Vice-president Jen Wyman  
Past-President Robert Lawn  
Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Lawless  
Director Mike Baril  
Director Renata Kimmerly  
Director Gerry Hasiuk  
Director Brenda Minish  
Director Beth Morris  
Director Julie Marshall

Director Heather Lawless,  
Director Ken Durand  
Director Bill Pakeman  
Director Roger Rhodes  
Director Pat Sayeau  
Director Dan Cook  
Director Ray Young  
Director Jessie De Vries  
Director Jim French

All those nominated have agreed in advance to let their name stand. There being no nominations from the floor, nominations were declared closed.

On behalf of the nominating committee, Bill Pakeman motioned and Heather Lawless seconded that the nominating committee report and the slate of nominees to Director and Officer positions on the Board of Directors of the Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce for the year 2010 be accepted as presented. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed

4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The minutes for December 16, 2009 were approved as circulated on motion by Roger Rhodes and seconded by Jessie De Vries. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Brent Laton congratulated all elected and thanked them for volunteering and committing to the 2010 Board of Directors and also thanked Jen Wyman for filling the position of Vice-president and Debbie Lawless for the position of secretary/treasurer.

Brent noted it is great to have Augusta and Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Townships and the town of Prescott participate in our monthly meetings and to assist them with their great successes.

Brent also hopes to support and focus on Economic Development through the Chamber and make 2010 successful for all.

The following Directors have volunteered to act as Chair for the following committees for 2010:

Finance - Chair Bill Pakeman	925-2711	mag10@ripment.com
Program and Planning - Chair Jen Wyman	925-1969	jen@thehipjoint.ca
Membership - Chair Bill Pakeman	925-2711	mag10@ripnet.com
Annual Awards - Chair Jen Wyman	925-1969	jen@thehipjoint.ca
Annual Awards Selection - Chair Mike Baril	925-4277	pmw@bellnet.ca

Members are invited to volunteer for these committees and may contact the Chair of each committee if interested. Your help would be greatly appreciated and when working together many benefits for all businesses can be discovered.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jen Wyman noted she is looking forward to acting as Vice-President for the chamber and has some ideas in the works for program and planning. She also noted she will work with the membership committee to seek ways to increase membership.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debbie Lawless presented the treasurer's report for period ending December 31, 2009. The financial report was accepted as presented on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Jen Wyman. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed.

8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Debbie Lawless noted invoices will be sent out shortly for the Chamber's 2010 membership dues.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for January 2010 was distributed to all present.

ITEM #1: Canadian C of C invoice for 2010 membership dues for \$355.16.

Discussion was held and it was motioned by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Jen Wyman the Chamber pay \$355.16 to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce for the 2010 membership dues. (8 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

#### 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE:** No report presented.

2. **PROGRAM AND PLANNING:** Jen Wyman proposed the idea of having an email service available for members to advertise sales, specials, special events, extended hours, etc. via email at a cost of \$55.00 per email to help businesses in our membership grow and prosper.

Discussion was held and it was motioned by Julie Marshall and seconded by Renata Kimmerly to offer the email service to members only to advertise special events, sales, etc. at a cost of \$55.00 per email sent out. (8 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

The email or pdf file must be previously prepared by the business and ready to send.

Jen is planning another Business After 5 event and suggested holding it in one of Prescott's empty stores. Pat Sayeau volunteered on behalf of municipality laws to see if this is feasible and Jen will contact Ray Young in regards to this matter also.

Jen noted the Town's Tourism Coordinator contract has ended and will check on the status of renewal of it and asked for a volunteer to help out as a liaison. Jen and Brent Laton and Mike Baril will plan to meet with the town on this matter.

5. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report presented.

#### 11. LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** No report presented.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Bill Pakeman reported the following:

- second round of CAF has been completed
- council will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> budget meeting January 21, 2010
- a meeting was held January 18, 2010 to determine the scope of interest in holding an Artisan Village at the former Algonquin School
- council is awaiting arrival of its new snow plow truck, hopefully in February
- the Good Roads convention is coming up and the township will be sending four representatives
- the next Municipal election is on the horizon
- the North Augusta fire station work is on schedule for completion as well as the new canteen
- a joint venture between Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Prescott, Augusta and Leeds/Thousand Islands to develop memory sticks to showcase and promote the industrial and tourism

potential in the area is well on the way and are also looking at a delegation to China later this year

- the Mayor's breakfast was held yesterday with approximately 150 in attendance
- the new township sign is up and running thanks to GCFDC

3. **TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:** Mayor Larry Dishaw reported the grocery store in Cardinal has now closed.

Some cuts have been noted by the Province and budget deliberations are ongoing.

The site plan for the Pysmian expansion has been approved and Larry welcomed and congratulated St. Lawrence Printing to the township.

The township is working together with Augusta, Leeds/Thousand Islands and Prescott to showcase and promote tourism, industry and economic development in the area.

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal is also partnering with Brockville to showcase our region and he is looking forward to meeting with China representatives for economic development initiatives at the Good Roads Convention.

Larry also briefly reviewed the Townships accomplishments for 2009.

He reminded everyone of the upcoming UCLG Economic Development Panels series being held on February 5, 2010 on Bio-products/green technology and Sandra Lawn will be speaking on the Ontario East Wood Centre and Eastern Ontario Model Forest.

Sandra Lawn then spoke on the Ontario East Wood Centre and Eastern Ontario Model Forest and gave an overview on its concept to conserve and convert energy.

4. **GCFDC:** Heather Lawless reported they are wrapping up the third quarter results and have loaned over \$1 million. The SEB program supported approximately 60 new enterprises and the EODP committed \$500,000 for over 45 projects.

5. **BIA:** No reported presented.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** No reported presented.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** No report presented.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010** at the **BRIDGEVIEW RESTAURANT** commencing at noon.  
"Everyone Welcome"

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m. on motion by Jen Wyman and seconded by Renata Kimmerly. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.