

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 15, 2009**

President Robert Lawn called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were Directors Mike Martel, Bill Pakeman, Jim French, Mike Baril, Brenda Minish, Roger Rhodes, members Bonnie Martel, Pat Sayeau, Julie Marshall, Ted Livingstone, Don Farnsworth, Suzanne Dodge, Jennifer Eiler, Ian Farthing and guests Bonnie Gommert and Shorey Bowen. Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Julie Marshall introduced Ted Livingstone of CSE Consulting, Robert Lawn introduced Jennifer Eiler, Prescott's new Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator and Ian Farthing, Artistic Director of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Mike Baril. (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 June 17, 2009 were approved as circulated on motion by Jim French and seconded by Mike Martel. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Robert Lawn reported Edwardsburgh/Cardinal township hosted a BBQ for over 200 cyclists who participated in the Great Waterfront Trail Adventure held at Grenville Park. Robert congratulated the township for hosting this event.

He also commended Edwardsburgh/Cardinal township for all the road work being presently done.

Robert noted Don Farnsworth of the RBC volunteered to be Chair of the golf committee along with Robert Lawn and Ray Young. More volunteers are needed to help out at the tournament to be held on **Wednesday, September 16, 2009** at the Prescott Golf Club. Please contact Don at 246-3211 or Ray at 925-2484 to volunteer and for more information.

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

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending June 20, 2009 was presented by treasurer Debbie Lawless. The financial statement was accepted as presented on motion by Mike Martel and seconded by Jim French. (7 for, 0 opposed.) Carried. Copy enclosed.

8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for July 2009 was distributed to all present.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCE:** Bill Pakeman reported on three requests received.

1. Food for all Food Bank - request for \$1000.00 for Baby Shelve Program

This request was discussed and motioned by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Brenda Minish to donate \$500.00 and review each year pending the chamber's financial situation. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

2. Prescott Amphitheatre Committee - request for donation for 2009 Summer Concerts series

This request was discussed and motioned by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Brenda Minish to donate \$500.00 to the 2009 Summer Concerts series. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

3. Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal - request for donation for BBQ for Great Waterfront Trail Adventure

This request was discussed and it was motioned by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Roger Rhodes to donate \$600.00 to the Great Waterfront Trail Adventure BBQ. (6 for, 1 opposed). Carried.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Bill Pakeman reported on one new member.

Heirloom Inspirations,
Cardinal Ontario
Hugh Cameron
(Woodwork, crafts, etc.)

This new member was accepted on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Roger Rhodes. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

11. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Mayor Suzanne Dodge reported plans are underway for next year's 200th anniversary. As of Monday the sewage plant will be in operation. Re-zoning of

Wiser Hall to severe property and build 6 condos is being discussed by Council and a public meeting will be held in regards to this and also the waterfront plan will be discussed.

Council is hoping to save Crane House and they have received offers to repair it. The Hotel project details will be discussed next week.

Suzanne also noted the Tourism office at the Forwards Museum looks great and an open house will be held next week.

The Shakespeare Festival held its gala and for more info on show times call 925-5788.

Suzanne thanked Edwardsburgh/Cardinal and the Chamber for their support toward the Great Waterfront Trail Adventure.

Shadows of the Fort is now playing at Fort Wellington. For more info and show times call 925-2896.

Talent by the Tower and the OPP Golden Helmets will be taking place on July 24 and Loyalist Days is taking place from August 7 to 9.

Mike Baril noted the auto show held had a record crowd of approximately 3000 and also a record show of cars and was a great success.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Bill Pakeman reported a copy of the Official Plan draft has been forwarded to the Provincial government for approval and public meetings will be held to allow input from the community.

Road construction is being done presently.

A government grant of \$30,800 was received to refurbish the Maynard tennis courts and the new fence along Cty. Rd. 15 has been installed at the North Augusta ball diamond and a new diamond and backstop will be completed this summer with the expansion of the North Augusta Fire Hall.

The Economic Development Committee is busily planning the next trade fair.

Council hopes to be able to offer help in any area possible in regards to the Invista and Dyno Nobel slow downs by working with the Leeds and Grenville United Counties Economic Department.

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

4. **GCFDC:** No report.

5. **BIA:** No report.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Bonnie Gommert reported the Food for all Food Bank is holding a fundraiser event for the whole family, with a Mardi Gras theme, on July 18, 2009. Please contact Bonnie at 925-2444 for more info.

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

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2009** at the **RED GEORGE PUBLIC HOUSE** commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome"

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. on motion by Brenda Minish and seconded by Mike Martel. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.