

PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 21, 2010

Past-President Robert Lawn called the meeting to order at noon at the Red George Public House. Present were Directors Bill Pakeman, Gerry Hasiuk, Julie Marshall, Pat Sayeau, Ken Durand, Beth Morris, Brenda Minish, Jessie De Vries, Roger Rhodes, Bonnie Gommert, members Larry Dishaw, Hugh Cameron and guests Ken Sharland and Rod Palmer. Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Julie Marshall introduced Rod Palmer of CSE Consulting who explained a new program funded by the Federal and Provincial governments to assist older workers transition into new jobs. The 20 week program includes skill upgrading, training, job searching, coaching, etc. to give older workers the opportunity for employment. The program starts July 26 at 191 King Street, East, Prescott. For more info call 613-342-2312.

Beth Morris introduced Ken Sharland.

Julie Marshall noted the Brockville and District General Hospital Foundation is holding a Benefit Gala to celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Brockville Rifles Armouries to help raise \$50,000 toward purchasing an isotope indicator used in the fight against breast cancer. Tickets are \$175.00 each with a \$50.00 tax receipt and can be purchased at both Scotia Banks in Brockville (7 King Street, West and 396 Stewart Blvd.) Call 345-4478 for tickets and/or more information.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Ken Durand. (6 for, 0 opposed) Carried.

3. **REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** Regarding the Annual Dinner Committee's review of suggestions and recommendations presented by Jen Wyman last month for Directors to review and comment on and expanding the Farmer's Market, Pat Sayeau deferred these matters to our August meeting when Jen will be in attendance.

4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The minutes for June 16, 2010 were approved as circulated on motion by Pat Sayeau and seconded by Brenda Minish (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Robert Lawn presented Jen Wyman's report which included the following:

- Canada Day Parade was a great success and kudos to Gerry Hasiuk and Don Rivoire and their wives and to Beth Morris for dressing in period costume, Chamber took Third place
- Morris Group is main sponsor of our golf tournament and hole sponsors are still needed plus 144 golfers are needed so let people know about the tournament on September 15, 2010 at the Prescott Golf Club
- working on an August Business After 5 event for the town to sponsor as an opportunity to showcase their particular project
- been in touch with local artists who would like chance to sponsor an event directed at them and summer and fall is their peak times for showing their work at markets and events
- tourism is hoping to launch an initiative in partnership with the harbour, the BIA and Chamber where transient boaters will receive an identifying card that offers a discount/sale/special service from a list of participating local businesses. If you can help out with this please contact Shaun at 925-1861 to help bring tourism dollars to town

- would like a committee to help with a Christmas plan similar to the tourism plan. If each business donates \$25.00 that would be around \$3750.00 and \$2500.00 of this could promo as a cash grand prize leaving \$1250.00 for us. Each business that participates gets a roll of specially designed or identifiable as Chamber tickets, like 50/50's, when people shop from the last weekend in November through till Xmas eve, they get a ticket to fill out with their name and number and between Xmas and New Years, the tickets will be collected to draw for a winner and maybe do draw at a Business After 5 event. The date must be on it and purchases must be verifiable, should there be any questions

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending June 30, 2010 was presented by treasurer Debbie Lawless. The report was accepted on motion by Pat Sayeau and seconded by Julie Marshall. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed.

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

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

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCE:** Bill Pakeman reported a request was received from the Prescott Amphitheatre Committee for a donation towards their Sunday Evening Concerts.

Discussion was held and it was motioned by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Ken Durand to donate \$500.00 towards the Prescott Amphitheatre Sunday Evening Concerts. Carried. (6 for, 0 opposed).

It was also queried if sponsors are recognized on concert nights and if so how and if not, is it possible perhaps through signage. Debbie will send a letter to the Amphitheatre Committee regarding this matter.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

11. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

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

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

- construction on the second concession is continuing
- Council met again regarding the Official Plan and it will be brought to Council in August to pass
- there was a sell-out crowd for the chicken BBQ held at Roebuck Hall and the hall has a new roof now

3. **EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:** Mayor Larry Dishaw reported the following:

- Official Administration review completed with approval of the following: new CAO Michael Wildman, Treasurer Russell Trivett, part-time Fire Chief Jim Grant, Chief Water/Waste Manager David Grant, Public Works/Road Manager Dan Belleau and Office Administrator Vickie Cameron is now full time
- received deputation from Rideau St. Lawrence Public Utilities representative Don Gibson.

Township staying with them and not selling to Hydro One. Township received \$15,500 dividend cheque plus interest cheque of \$2,800.00. AGM for Rideau St. Lawrence Public Utilities to be held in Westport on August 26, 2010

- have new fire truck and new van now

- bin project ready end of August for corn season

- wharf project declaration in order

-United Counties of L&G Economic Development will be holding a session to present the footprint of the Economic Development plan of future directions on August 25, 2010 at 25 Central Avenue, Brockville and encouraged Chamber representatives to participate to express their thoughts and input with a wrap up session being held September 10, 2010 in Kemptville

- public meeting being held to review final draft of Official Plan and hoping it moves forward

- public meeting to be held regarding wind turbines project (South Branch Wind Farm)

- public meeting to be held regarding solar panels project (Penn Energy Solar Farm) in near future

- thanked Chamber on behalf of Council for Great Waterfront Trail cycling event donations and cyclists very pleased

4. **GCFDC:** No report.

5. **BIA:** No report

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** No report.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Gerry Hasiuk reported the Canada Day parade was a success and noted it was a nice way of showing we can work together and make us known and Chamber should be proud of it. He also thanked Storm Kennedy for reporting live from the float and committee members Jen Wyman and Don Rivoire and a special thanks to the Chamber for participating. Pat Sayeau thanked Gerry as he spent a lot of time and worked hard to get the parade initiative going.

Gerry also noted he purchased three solar systems and Johnstown's will be turned on this Friday and noted we are at the forefront of environmental technology.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2010** at the **BRIDGEVIEW RESTAURANT** commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome"

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Brenda Minish. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.