

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 17, 2009**

President Robert Lawn called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were: Vice-President Brent Laton, Directors Heather Lawless, Beth Morris, Mike Baril, Brenda Kenney, Jessie Ritchie, Roger Rhodes, Renata Kimmerly, members Lorne Mallory, Pat Sayeau, Larry Dishaw, Julie Marshall and guests Bonnie Gommert, Shorey Bowen and Bev Mallory. Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** No report.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved on motion by Mike Baril and seconded by Renata Kimmerly. (6 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 May 20, 2009 were approved as circulated on motion by Renata Kimmerly and seconded by Roger Rhodes. (7 for, 0 opposed) Carried.
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Robert Lawn reported Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada, was guest speaker at the Brockville Chamber of Commerce power luncheon held on June 8, 2009. Robert noted she is a very capable person doing an important job by taking special efforts to keep a close eye on stimulus spending being spent.

Also Robert noted the Economic Development Summit was held by the United Counties on June 12, 2009. A series of meetings will be held of various segments of the economy with the next in October and then April 2010.

The Canada Border Services Agency will be holding a seminar and workshop on importing commercial goods into Canada at the Prescott town Hall on July 7, 2009 from 9-12 p.m. free of charge. This workshop is one of three being held along the St. Lawrence River. To register contact Blaise at 613-991-0850 or Debbie at 613-991-1255.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending May 31, 2009 was presented by Debbie Lawless. The financial statement was accepted as presented on motion by Renata Kimmerly and seconded by Brenda Kenney. (7 for, 0 opposed) Carried. Copy enclosed.
8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for June 2009 was distributed to all present.

Bonnie Gommert explained their new program, "Baby Shelve Project". The project allows the Food For All Food Bank to purchase baby formula for infants under the age of one.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE:** Brent Laton reported on two new requests.

1. North Augusta Recreation Committee - request for Labour Day Festival. The finance committee recommended \$500.00.

This request was discussed and it was motioned by Brent Laton and seconded by Roger Rhodes a donation of \$500.00 be made to the North Augusta Recreation Committee for the Labour Day Festival. (8 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

2. Food For All Food Bank - request for donation to their "Baby Shelve Project". Request was deferred to the Finance Committee and will be brought back next meeting.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

11. LIAISON REPORTS:

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

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** No report.

3. **TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:** Mayor Larry Dishaw gave an overview of the township's 2009 budget noting a 1.44% cut in municipal taxes.

He also distributed the township's new tourism/economic development brochure. The Cardinal convenience store is now Mac's Milk and will include a gas bar.

Other items noted were:

- Building Canada Fund approved \$34 million for new wharf and stimulus fund for bin annex for \$6 million is awaiting approval
- Ontario Small Water Works program was approved
- Gas Tax allocation was approved (Cty. Rd. 22 west to limit - water main)
- RinC Program for Cardinal arena upgrades (\$989,000) is pending
- Stimulus for Cty. Rd. 2 - 22 east limits - water/sanitary reconstruction.
- Construction projects for 2009 are moving forward for Crowder/Ventnor Roads
- Cardinal/Spencerville sidewalks
- Gill Street, Cardinal - storm system
- Helen Street, Cardinal - water/sanitary/storm/paving
- Hyndman/Ventnor culvert replacement
- Frederick Street rail crossing
- municipal building renos
- fire station #2 renos/entrance construction
- Cardinal library - roof/entrance
- Spencerville arena - new zamboni

County projects for repaving include New Wexford to Grenville Park, Angelos north to Brouseville Road and Shanly Road west to Adams Road.

Township reserves as of 1/1/09 were \$3.5 million and reserve funds as of 1/1/09 were \$1.8 million.

4. **GCFDC:** Heather Lawless reported approximately 206 people attended the United Counties of L&G Economic Development summit where Minister of Transport, John Baird spoke on infrastructure and stimulus programs.

MP Gord Brown announced \$2.7 million funding for the three community futures development corporations (1000 Islands Community Development Corporation, the Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation and the Valley Heartland CFDC) receiving \$900,000 each over three years.

The Annual General Meeting for GCFDC will be held on June 17, 2009.

Applications are being accepted until the end of June for the EOD Program. Loans have been increased to \$250,000 from \$150,000.

Go to www.grenvillecfdc.com for more information. Heather also distributed a booklet containing 2004-09 success stories of the 15 CDC in Ontario.

Robert lawn thanked and commended Heather and her organization on their exemplary work which only employs 5 or 6 people, it is a “dream organization”.

5. **BIA:** No report.

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

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Volunteers are needed asap for the golf committee for the Chamber’s Annual Tournament which will be held on September 16, 2009 at the Prescott Golf Club.

Pat Sayeau noted work is presently being done for the upcoming Great Waterfront Trail Adventure, an 8 day bike tour which begins at Niagara Falls and ends at Cornwall. Approximately 250 cyclists have joined up so far. Pat noted we need to showcase our area and also funding is needed for this event.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009** at the **BRIDGEVIEW RESTAURANT** commencing at noon. “Everyone Welcome”

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. on motion by Mike Baril and seconded by Renata Kimmerly. (7 for, 0 opposed) Carried.

**Prescott & District Chamber of Commerce
Financial Report as of May 31, 2009**

Bank Balance December 31st, 2008		
Current Account	9,936.00	
Items Outstanding	0.00	
Mutual Fund Investment	7,510.90	17,446.90
Plus Income:		
Membership	7,189.67	
Insurance	1,647.04	
Interest	18.35	
50/50 Draws	253.00	
Special Events	0.00	
Annual Dinner	7,610.22	
Golf Tournament	0.00	
Vacation Guide/Silent Auctions	0.00	
Misc.	0.00	16,718.28
		34,165.18
Less Disbursements:		
Membership	1,937.95	
Office Supplies/Computer Exp.	434.55	
Salary & Wages/Fees	2650.00	
Insurance	0.00	
Postage	312.83	
Special Events	0.00	
Annual Dinner	4479.86	
Golf Tournament	0.00	
Vacation Guide/Silent Auctions	0.00	
Bursaries/Donations	4,830.80	
Misc.	406.66	
		15,052.65
		19,112.53
Bank Balances May 31, 2009		
Current Account	11,583.28	
Mutual Fund	7,529.25	
(Cheques Outstanding)	0	19,112.53
Est. Future Commitments		0.00
Net Funds Available		\$19,112.53