

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 18, 2009**

President Robert Lawn called the meeting to order at noon at the Red George Public House. Present were: Vice-President Brent Laton, Past-President Mike Martel, Directors Lisa Smith, Bill Pakeman, Ray Young, Ken Durand, Beth Morris, Mike Baril, Brenda Kenney, Jessie Ritchie, Jim King, Renata Kimmerly and members Bonnie Martel and Jen Wyman. Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** No report.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda for March 18, 2009 was approved on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Mike Baril. (6 for, 0 opposed) Carried.
3. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** No report.
4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The minutes for February 18, 2009 were approved as circulated on motion by Renata Kimmerly and seconded by Brenda Kenney. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Robert Lawn thanked the committee and all those who helped in anyway planning and organizing the Annual Awards and Dinner Banquet and silent auction, especially Mike Martel and Sharon Spychi. It was another successful event.

Robert noted volunteers will be needed to sit on our Golf and Fundraising Committees.

He also noted on April 2, 2009 the Hon. Monique Smith, Ministry of Tourism, will be speaking in Brockville. Contact Ralph Leger at 925-2002 for more information.

On April 15, 2009 Mr. Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian C of C will be speaking at the Brockville Country Club. His topic will be "A Rough Road for Canadian Businesses: Where do we go from here?" For registration and more information you may contact Robin VanLuit of the Brockville and District C of C at 342-6553.

Due to Mr. Beatty speaking in Brockville, on the same day as our April meeting, Robert suggested we hold our meeting one week later on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Discussion was held and it was motioned by Ken Durand and seconded by Renata Kimmerly to hold next month's Board of Director's meeting one week later on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Brent Laton noted it is worth while to check into the new changes to work-sharing . For more information go to www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/work or call 1-866-945-7342.
7. **TREASURER REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending February 28, 2009 was presented by Debbie Lawless. The financial statement was accepted on motion by Lisa Smith and seconded by Bill Pakeman. (6 for, 0 opposed) Carried. Copy enclosed.

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

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for March 2009 was distributed.

Item #1: Request for support for 6th Annual Veterans Memorial Highland Games event in Spencerville. (\$500.00)

Item #2: Bursary Award for SGDHS (\$300.00)

Item #3: Request from Prescott Fire Department for support for Annual Eastern Ontario Firefighters Association Convention and Games to be held June 19 and 20, 2009. (\$100.00 for one full page brochure ad).

Item #4: Request for support for Loyalist Days events. (\$1000.00)

Item #5: Request for support for Harbour Days events. (\$1000.00)

The above requests were discussed and approved on motion by Robert Lawn and seconded by Bill Pakeman (8 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No report.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Bill Pakeman reported five new members.

Climatech
Guy Chabot
Russell, Ontario
(Refrigeration/heating/
air conditioning)

O'Farrell Financial Services Inc.
Matthew Felker
Kemptonville, Ontario
(financial planning)

Sutton Group Premier Realty
Sonja & John Carlow
Russell, Ontario
(real estate)

Unik Hair Salon
Chantale Cote
Russell, Ontario
(hair salon)

Angles Coiffure,
Diane Wolfenden,
Russell, Ontario
(hair salon)

These new members were accepted on motion by Lisa Smith and seconded by Brenda Kenney. (7 for, 0 opposed) Carried.

11. LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Ray Young reported the zoning bylaw has been accepted and council is in negotiations with developers for the waterfront hotel and former Daniel's lot. Council is also reviewing tenders for street repairs.
2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Bill Pakeman reported council is still processing the budget with a goal of 0% increase. Also they are reapplying to the Build Canada Fund.

On March 11, 2009 they held their first Opportunity Knocks event which focused on Internet Fraud/Identity Theft presented by the O.P.P. which was well attended.

They are presently in negotiations with OPSEU for a new three year contract.

Council is awaiting the report from Steve Fournier concerning improving operations effectiveness of the townships's office.

A joint meeting between Augusta and Elizabethtown/Kitley was held to discuss their mutual interest in refurbishing the second concession.

The North Augusta Recreation Committee is looking at erecting a new canteen at the soccer field. Also with the help of Procter and Gamble volunteering a Day of Labour, the North Augusta Recreation Committee will be looking into the possibilities of erecting a new fence along Cty. Road #15 in the village.

The township will be looking into the badly needed expansion of the North Augusta Fire station this year.

Bill also acknowledged the hard work and time of all the volunteers in Augusta as they are the true unsung heros.

On May 30, 2009 the townships' Economic Development Committee is busy preparing for the township's first trade fair at the Maynard Public School showcasing Augusta's businesses.

3. **TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:** No report.
4. **GCFDC:** No report.
5. **BIA:** Ray Young reported Mike Dimopoulos will report for the Chamber on behalf of the BIA. The BIA's budget has been set at \$26,500, same as last year.

Sue Sally is the new chair for the BIA and the association is hoping to attract new members from the north end of town.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion was held regarding accepting new members from outside our area. Debbie will review the minutes to see if there was a motion made

which defines the district where new members can join from and/or if they can be a Director and/or if they may vote and report back next meeting.

It was discussed and motioned by Ray Young and seconded by Lisa Smith that Jen Wyman be accepted as a Director for 2009. (9 for, 0 opposed) Carried. Jen also volunteered to help on the Program and Planning Committee.

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

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held **ONE WEEK LATER** on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009** at the **RED GEORGE PUBLIC HOUSE** commencing a noon. "Everyone Welcome"

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. on motion by Brenda Kenney and seconded by Mike Martel. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.