

**Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2008**

President Marylou Murray called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were: Vice-President Mike Martel, Directors Sharon Spychi, Lisa Smith, Allan Norton, Heather Lawless, Ray Young, Bill Pakeman, Brent Laton, Mike Baril, Gerry Hasiuk, Beth Morris, members Brett Todd, Mayor Larry Dishaw, Pat Sayeau, Peter LeClaire and guest Roger Rhodes. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** No report.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda for May 21, 2008 was approved on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Lisa Smith. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
3. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** Brent Laton queried if the Chamber should submit a T4 for 2008.
4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** The minutes for April 16, 2008 were approved as circulated on motion by Mike Baril and seconded by Sharon Spychi. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Marylou reported she will be stepping down as President as of this meeting due to employment commitments and Vice-President Mike Martel will become President. Marylou will remain as a Director.
6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mike Martel asked if a schedule was available yet for the Bluenose. Brett Todd noted a press release will be issued shortly and the Bluenose will arrive in Prescott on June 16 to June 18 and then again on June 24 to June 26 upon its return.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending April 30, 2008 was presented by Sharon Spychi. The financial statement was approved on motion by Sharon Spychi and seconded by Ray Young. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed.
8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for May 2008 was distributed to all present.
10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 1. **FINANCE:** Sharon reported on the Annual Dinner and profit was approximately \$3600.00 from this event. Sharon suggested rotating the Annual Dinner event to different locations such as Roebuck, Cardinal, Spencerville, etc.

Sharon suggested ideas for fundraising with one idea being to run a BBQ at the Classic/Antique Car show in July. Sharon will proceed with this idea and report back next meeting. Volunteers will be required to help out.

Sharon briefly explained membership brochures/packages from other Chambers and suggested our Chamber create a welcome brochure/package with local business ads which could help pay toward costs of the package. Sharon will seek more information on brochure/packages formats, costs, etc. and report back next meeting. Bill Pakeman, Heather Lawless and Mike Martel volunteered to help with planning of the welcome package and contact businesses, etc.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

11. LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Brett Todd reported the budget was passed last night with a 1.5% increase. Also the new aerial fire truck has arrived.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Bill Pakeman reported the EODP has awarded a \$9,000 grant to the Township towards creating a logo, branding and web work.

Another Opportunity Knocks will be held on May 28, 2008 at Augusta Township hall which will address Health and Safety for small business owners.

Council is awarding tenders for calcium and road construction and the budget increase was 2.4%.

Bill also noted the recent adoption of Boundary 20/20 was very disappointing.

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

- land being cleared for road for 21 lot subdivision at the end of Sophia Street in Johnstown
- 416 Economic Development Corridor meeting held with good representation from local MPs, Mayors and Ministries with excellent roundtable on region Economic Development
- need for branding of region e.g. The River Region (Ottawa/Rideau/South Nation/St. Lawrence) with Ministry of Economic Development taking lead on business plan
- noise study required now for 88 lot subdivision in Cardinal due to rail spur line
- Hudson Bay's Fields store progressing well
- Legion Park work progressing well
- meeting with Greenfield Ethanol's principles and discussed required enzymes, DDG storage, pump station, waste to treatment plan, expected startup (December 2008), ship mooring over winter, road to plant, gas line to site, etc.
- Angelo's site plan control agreement needs to be changed due to new truck scale and signage
- building permit fees values to date \$12.5 million and fees to date \$28,360.00.
- Tourism Development Strategy's four stages moving forward
- port sea wall support will cost \$30 million to repair and hope to receive some funding from province
- Great Water Trail Adventure with over 200 riders participating starting July 4 from Niagara on the Lake to Quebec border and on July 9 staying over at Grenville Park with a meal being provided and breakfast on July 7 and volunteers are needed, perhaps Chamber could get involved?

4. **S.G.E.D. COMMITTEE:** No report.

5. **G.C.F.D.C.:** Heather Lawless distributed booklets issued by GCFDC which include success stories and highlights of all projects it has supported from 2004-2008.

The Annual General Meeting for GCFDC will be held on June 18, 2008 at the Prescott Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. and a report on past and future work will be presented. R.S.V.P. by June 13, 2008. For more information contact Heather at 925-4275.

6. **B.I.A.:** Ray Young reviewed recent downtown events and upcoming events. Harbour Days takes place June 14 and 15, 2008 and Loyalist Days will be held August 8 to 10, 2008.

Flower baskets have been installed and the new banners and windmills are up.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Gerry Hasiuk suggested hosting the Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce sometime soon to meet and discuss ways we could work together. Also Gerry suggested to take the opportunity each month to meet at various local businesses and tour their facilities to learn what they do and showcase their businesses.

Pat Sayeau noted on June 27, 2008 the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal township is hosting a familiarization tour at the port with local politicians being invited.

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

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008** at the **BRIDGEVIEW RESTAURANT** commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome".

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on motion by Lisa Smith and seconded by Mike Baril. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried

