

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 20, 2009**

President Robert Lawn called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were Vice-President Brent Laton, Directors Mike Martel, Lisa Smith, Allan Norton, Bill Pakeman, Ray Young, Jim French, Beth Morris, Mike Baril, Gerry Hasiuk, Roger Rhodes, Renata Kimmerly, members Bonnie Martel, Sandra Lawn, Mel Campbell, Steve Leroux, Richard Bennett, Julie Marshall, Kathy McNeely, Dawn Lutchman and Donald Farnsworth. Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Bill Pakeman introduced Reeve Mel Campbell, Chief Building Official Steve Leroux and CAO Richard Bennett from the Township of Augusta.

Reeve Mel Campbell gave a brief overview of the Township's 2009 budget.

Sandra Lawn introduced Donald Farnsworth, Financial Planner, for the RBC.

Kathy McNeely introduced Dawn Lutchman, BOM Area Manager for Commercial Banking.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved on motion by Jim French and seconded by Renata Kimmerly. (7 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 April 22, 2009 were approved on motion by Lisa Smith and seconded by Mike Baril. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Robert Lawn reported the Food For All Food Bank fundraiser was well attended by the social and business sides of the community and brought our three municipalities together. Robert noted the community and municipalities must work together to support our local food bank.

Robert commended the United Counties for taking the lead on offering the Economic Development Summit to be held on June 12, 2009. Keynote speaker will be John Baird, Minister of Transport. For more information call Lisa Severson at 342-3840 ext. 5362.

Also Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada, will be speaking at the Brockville Country Club on June 8, 2009 power luncheon.

Robert reminded everyone of the Eastern Ontario Economic Showcase being held on September 24, 2009 featuring Donald Trump. For more information contact Jim Doris at 925-9018 or go to www.easternontarioshowcase.com.

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

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for period ending April 30, 2009 was presented by Debbie Lawless. The financial statement was accepted on motion by Lisa Smith and seconded by Renata Kimmerly (8 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed.

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

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

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCE:** Bill Pakeman reported a request for donation was received from the Prescott Pool toward their "Teach Every Child to Swim" program. It was discussed and decided this request fell outside the boundaries of the Chamber's mandate. Request declined.

2. **PROGRAM AND PLANNING:** A chair is still required for this committee.

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

Greenfield Ethanol,
Prescott, Ontario

This new member was accepted on motion by Bent Laton and seconded by Mike Baril. (9 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

11. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Ray Young reported King/Edward Streets paving should be completed by next month at this time and infrastructure grants are being applied for.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Bill Pakeman reported Council is presently working on the official plan and a recreation committee has now been formed for Maynard.

Other items included - renos on work garage being done

- properties for tax sale coming up
- clear garbage bag initiative going well
- building permits to date \$6200.00
- 17 km of paving to begin in August
- Pitch In Canada program was a success
- reviewing Public Works/Road Superintendent interviews
- working on 2nd concession, Cty Rd. 15
- working on new fire hall

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

4. **GCFDC:** GCFDC will have applications and program guidelines posted to their website May 22 and then will be in position to begin accepting applications at that point.

There has been some modifications to program guidelines that will also be posted May 22. Go to www.grenvillecfdc.com for more information.

5. **BIA:** Ray Young reported flower basket installations will begin shortly and the next major promotion is the Eastern Ontario Volunteer Firefighters games.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Gerry Hasiuk inquired as to what was being done with the old OPP station. Robert noted it was government property but it is presently being appraised as the town has shown interest in the building.

Lisa Smith noted Loyalist Days wished to thank the chamber for its donation of support towards its upcoming events being held August 7 to August 9 at Fort Wellington.

Also Lisa noted Loyalist Days pins are presently on sale and a schedule of events will be out shortly.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS:** We still require a Chair and volunteers for the Chamber's Golf committee. The tournament will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Prescott Golf Club. Anyone wishing to volunteer may call Robert at 925-3480 or Debbie at 925-2171.

Roger Rhodes explained the Chamber's Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and also recommended the additional coverage of general liability insurance for 1 million dollars liability coverage (includes legal costs) and will provide premises liability for events being held by the Chamber and office contents insurance up to \$30,000.00.

It was discussed and motioned by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Renata Kimmerly to purchase our regular Directors and Officers Liability insurance at \$621.00 per year and also the additional coverage of general liability coverage at \$621.00 per year for a total of \$1242.00 per year. (12 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009** 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 Lisa Smith. (8 for, 0 opposed). Carried.