

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

President Robert Lawn called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were: Vice-President Brent Laton, Directors Bill Pakeman, Beth Morris, Brenda Minish, Jessie Ritchie, Roger Rhodes, Renata Kimmerly, Jim French and Mike Baril, members Larry Dishaw, Pat Sayeau, Julie Marshall, Hugh Cameron, Judith Seale, Bob Wall, David Crouch, Don Farnsworth, OPP Sgt. Paul Bisson and Jennifer Eiler. Minutes recorded by secretary/treasurer Debbie Lawless.

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Robert Lawn introduced Jennifer Eiler, Prescott's Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator. Jennifer spoke on the draft for the Community Development Strategies for 2010. There are 20 strategies pertaining to Tourism and Economic Development. She also noted support is needed from the business community in identifying their needs and the BIA, Chamber and town of Prescott will meet to review input. Two or three Chamber members are needed to represent the Chamber and collect input for the 2010 strategies. Members may contact Robert Lawn at 925-3480 if interested. Next meeting with council is scheduled November 25, 2009.

Robert then introduced Renata Kimmerly who gave a brief overview of SWITCH, a sustainable energy supply (photovoltaic(PV) system).

SWITCH is a great opportunity for small and medium sized businesses to grow and generate revenue through the green energy act of Ontario. Members include farmers, businesses, consumers, researchers educators, students, public organizations, professionals etc. A presentation will be held on February 5, 2010 in Prescott. Further details to follow. For more information go to www.hearthmakers.org or call 1-866-547-8122.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved on motion by Jim French and seconded by Renata Kimmerly. (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 October 21, 2009 were approved as circulated on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Mike Baril. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rober Lawn reported he attended the Brockville C of C Gala Awards event and former Prescott business man and Chamber Director Gary Brett won the Most Green Business award.

Also Ian Farthing of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival was the singer in the Ottawa jazz band that provided music for the event. Ian is presently performing in the Sound of Music production in Toronto.

Robert also suggested the Chamber support the upcoming Olympic Torch Run event which will be taking place in Prescott on December 14, 2009.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Brent Laton reported he attended the committee meeting which discussed the logistics of the torch run. The town has paid for posters and flags for this event.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending October 31, 2009 was presented by treasurer Debbie Lawless. The financial statement was accepted on motion by Renata Kimmerly and seconded by Bill Pakeman (6 for, opposed) Carried. Copy enclosed.

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

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

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCE:** Bill Pakeman reported on the following requests:

1. Prescott Fire Department request for \$500.00 for Christmas Lite Up the Nite Parade. It was discussed and motioned by Roger Rhodes and seconded by Brent Laton to donate \$500.00 to the Prescott Fire Department for the Christmas Lite Up the Nite Parade. (8 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

2. Town of Prescott request for donation toward newspaper ad to support Olympic Torch Run Event. It was discussed and motioned by Brenda Minish and seconded by Mike Baril to donate toward the newspaper ad for the Olympic Torch Run event to be held on December 14, 2009. (9 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

11. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

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

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Bill Pakeman reported Council is working on the budget. The Augusta's volunteer firefighters Christmas party will be held on November 28, 2009 and the roof has been completed on the North Augusta fire hall expansion. Bill also attended a training session regarding the Accessibility Standards - Best Practices and Procedures. Discussions will be commencing immediately with the union and Reeve Mel Campbell has completed his term as warden for the Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

3. **TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:** Mayor Larry Dishaw reported they are presently working on the new storage bins at the port. Also the 20 year contract for Cardinal Power is up for renewal and they have asked Council for a support letter for another 20 year contract. An adhoc committee has been formed to work with the firm, Nutopia to look at regeneration energy, not waste energy, as there is not enough waste energy to support a plant.

4. **GCFDC:** No report.

5. **BIA:** No report.

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

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Robert noted volunteers are required to form the Chamber's nominating committee. It was discussed and motioned by Brent Laton and seconded by Renata Kimmerly that Directors Mike Baril (Chair), Heather Lawless and Bill Pakeman be accepted for the Chamber's nominating committee. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009** at the **RED GEORGE PUBLIC HOUSE** commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome".

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Brenda Minish. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.