

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2008**

Director Lisa Smith called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were Directors Allan Norton, Sharon Spychi, Robert Lawn, Mike Baril, Beth Morris, Bryan Somerville, Jim French, members Jessie Ritchie, Roger Rhodes, Lorne Mallory, Mel Campbell, Brett and Lori Todd. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** No report presented.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda for October 15, 2008 was approved on motion by Robert Lawn and seconded by Mike Baril. (5 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
3. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** No report presented.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 20, 2008:** The minutes for August 20, 2008 were approved as circulated on motion by Mike Baril and seconded by Sharon Spychi. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report presented.
6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** This position needs to be filled ASAP. Please contact Mike Martel at 345-5284 if interested.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending August 31, 2008 was presented by Sharon Spychi and approved on motion by Robert Lawn and seconded by Allan Norton. (5 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

The treasurer's report for period ending September 30, 2008 was presented by Sharon Spychi and approved on motion by Mike Baril and seconded by Bryan Somerville. (5 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report presented.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for October 2008 was distributed to all present.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE:** Sharon Spychi reported a request for financial support was received from the Prescott Fire Department for the 55th Annual Christmas Parade. Discussion was held and motion was made by Sharon Spychi and seconded by Robert Lawn to donate \$500.00 to the 55th Annual Light Up the Night Christmas Parade. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

Motion was made by Sharon Spychi and seconded by Allan Norton to donate \$300.00 to South Grenville District Highschool for the Chamber's Annual Bursary Award. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

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

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Allan Norton reported three new members.

Ms. Carmen Mirauta
Ottawa, Ontario
(Massage Therapist)

Northern Cables Inc.
Prescott, Ontario
(Manufacturing)

Seaway Cabinets and Flooring,
Prescott, Ontario
(Woodworking)

The above businesses were approved and accepted on motion by Allan Norton and seconded by Sharon Spychi. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

11. LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Brett Todd reported Council received and agreed to receive the final report on the organizational review from consultant Bill Wineguard and recommendations included re-structuring of town staff and council operations. The report will be formally accepted by Council and made public on October 20, 2008.

Council will be considering proposals received to build a waterfront hotel across from the Fort on the Parks Canada lands.

A contract has been awarded to the Ainley Group for the study of waterfront lands adjacent to the Mariner's Club condos. This will provide Council with an overview of future possibilities to develop a green space/park. A waterfront study focus meeting will be held November 4, 2008 to allow input from the public for the final development.

The new Catholic elementary school is well underway at the former St. Joseph's Catholic school site. Construction is proceeding well and on target for the school's opening next September.

Council provided \$5000.00 to the BIA for the hanging basket project.

An IMPAC information meeting will be held October 22, 2008 for the public and IMPAC representative Bev Lindsey will be attending.

The town's website went live last month. Please contact CAO Robert Haller or Mayor Suzanne Dodge at 925-2812 if you have a town event to promote.

Lisa Smith and Brett attended a Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce meeting recently and they are interested in working together and continue future ties with our Chamber. Brett suggested we formally invite them back to attend one of our monthly meetings before the end of this year.

Brett thanked the Chamber for supporting Prescott's Loyalist Days which was a great success drawing over 2000 people and noted this event will return next year.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Reeve Mel Campbell reported the township is presently advertising for a Chief Building Official/Planner and Township Auditor.

The Economic Development Committee hosted the new Counties employees Ann Weir and Bob Cheetham working in this field.

Reeve Campbell noted we (other townships) should all work together as a team.

Council is presently working on the sale of Grenville Christian College and will keep the public updated.

The Economic Development Committee is hosting two information sessions in regards to recent assessment notices from IMPAC. Council will need to adjust tax rates, etc.

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

4. **SGEDC:** Sharon Spychi reported no recent meeting had been held.

5. **GCFDC:** No report presented.

6. **BIA:** Lisa Smith reported the BIA has not met recently and no events have been planned presently. She noted the hanging basket project has been completed and the BIA will soon meet to plan Christmas promotions.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** The Shakespeare Festival donation was reviewed as motioned at our March 2008 meeting that the Chamber donate \$2000.00 last spring and review donating \$2000.00 more in the fall, pending the Chamber's financial situation.

It was discussed and motioned by Mike Baril and seconded by Sharon Spychi to donate \$2000.00 to support the Shakespeare Festival. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

Jessie Ritchie presented a review of this past summer's Shakespeare's series.

14. **NEW BUSINESS:** Sharon Spychi noted Director Bill Pakeman had recently been hospitalized. It was discussed and motioned by Mike Baril and seconded by Robert Lawn to spend up to \$50.00 to send a fruit basket to Bill and wish him well in his recovery. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

15. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008 at the BRIDGEVIEW RESTAURANT commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome."

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. on motion by Robert Lawn and seconded by Mike Baril. (5 for, 0 opposed). Carried.