



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2018
South Grenville Food Bank**

"Building bridges to better business in Augusta, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal and Prescott."

Chairperson: Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler

Board Members Present – Lisa Temple, Ben Quenneville, Dan Cook , Deb Coles, Blinda Campbell, Andrea Derochie

Board Members Absent- Gerry Hasiuk, Jeff Morris, Lynda Joannis, Tim MacKay, Rod Palmer,

In Attendance – Sandra Lawn, Deron Johnston representing Prescott BIA, Councillor Mike Ostrander- representing the Town of Prescott, Pat Sayeau representing the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Bill Buckler representing the Township of Augusta

Welcome and Call to Order

Bonnie called the meeting to order and a quorum was confirmed.

Introduction of Guests- none

Approval of April's Agenda

Moved by Blinda Campbell

Move to approve April's Agenda

Seconded by Deb Coles

Approval of March's Minutes

Moved by Lisa Temple

Move to approve March's Meeting Minutes

Seconded by Andrea Derochie

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President's Greetings

- Attended St. Lawrence corridor info session
- Touched on success of free seminar, gained a new member
- Working with other chambers
- Great connections made with Ontario Chamber on behalf of Bonnie
- She is working with other chambers to collaborate for all candidates event

Liaison Highlight Reports (5 minutes each)

• **BIA**

- Sandra presented that the BIA budget has been approved
- \$39,000 is the budget for the 4 pillars
- BIA council will approve on the 23rd (maps, visitor's guide and events)
- Henderson presentation in regards to BIA website

• **GCFDC** – See attached report

• **Town of Prescott**

- Mike Ostrander reported that the 3rd floor configuration is still the main focus as the 2nd floor asbestos issue is being addressed
- Linda Street pavement and sewer water addressed
- Mayor of Ogdensburg attended the last meeting around the Ogdensburg/Prescott ferry project
- Taste of Prescott on June 15th
- Jackie Schoemaker-Holmes' position still needs to be filled (ad posted possible part-time position)

• **Augusta Township**

- Bill Buckler stated that registration for the Business Expo is down – missing volunteers this year
- Would like 2 to 3 volunteers to be at the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Booth
- Chamber should have banner and literature at their booth

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- **Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal**

- Pat spoke to why they are not making a monetary donation to the 125th South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Celebration -feels Chamber is self-sufficient -not requiring extra money. However he does support event
- Greenery 8 – 12 jobs possible if it happens
- Jones Railyard lease 6 – 8 acres of land (swamp drained and engineering studies being conducted now). They will be at the Expo this year.
- Grenville Mutual Building will be sold

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Deb Coles

Move to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented

Seconded by Ben Quenneville

Motion Carried

Secretary's Report –

We need 2 or 3 volunteers to help work the Business Showcase and Expo

General Business:

125th Celebration

- Bonnie commented on the 125th event
- Comments on SNAP'D not the best way to advertise
- Plaques will be presented in regards to 125 years of membership
- Historical Society slide show reflecting progress through years showcasing our beautiful historical buildings
- Some surprises
- Letter from Prime Minister

Golf Tournament – Blinda Campbell

- Spoke to food costs
- Tournament booked for June 27th
- Venue free

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- Tickets more money this year
- 32 people attended last year – hoping for 75 – 80 this year
- Historical Society on board – pictures at each hole for sponsors
- Discussion of using POS during tournament for silent auction
- Discussion of call list doing personal invites to tournament
- Recognition of long time members

Committee Reports:

1. Memberships

Moved by Deb Coles

Move to accept Dental Hygiene On Location as a new member

Seconded by Dan Cook

Motion Carried

Moved by Blinda Campbell

Move to accept Augusta Business Centre as a new member

Seconded by Andrea Derochie

Motion Carried

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Move to accept Art Scene as a new member

Seconded by Dan Cook

Motion Carried

Closing Remarks

- Andrea spoke to benefits of relationship with Ontario Chamber
- Concern in regards to insurance benefits with Chamber questioned Doug not engaged -why is it not happening - Bonnie wants to investigate
- Will discuss Income Tax at the May meeting

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Motion to give an award to a student at the South Greenville District High School Graduation in the amount of \$300.00

Seconded by Blinda Campbell

Motion Carried

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant in Johnstown.

Chairman

Date

Secretary

Date

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