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Chairperson: Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler

Board Members Present – Dan Cook , Deb Coles, Blinda Campbell, Ben Quenneville, Tim MacKay  
Regrets -Rod Palmer, Lisa Temple, Andrea Derochie

Board Members Absent- Gerry Hasiuk, Jeff Morris, Lynda Joanisse

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

Welcome and Call to Order – Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 and it was confirmed that there was a quorum.

Introduction of Guests: Mike Larose – Fort Town Night Runs

### **Approval of September's Agenda**

Bonnie commented that a presentation from Mike Larose be added to the agenda and due to time constraints, his presentation would go first.

Sandra remarked that she wanted to add the topic of All Candidates Meeting under the General Business category.

**Moved by Tim MacKay**

Move to approve September's revised Agenda

**Seconded by Deb Coles**

**Motion Carried**

### **Fort Town Night Run**

Mike Larose thanked the chamber for the donation that they had given to the Fort Night Run last year for the race kits and he also wanted to add some of the medals from the race to the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Time Capsule. He explained the Fort Town Night Run is a fundraiser event for the charity Greater Fort Town Area Charity. They have created their own web page ([gftacharity.com](http://gftacharity.com)).

They are in the middle of creating their own youth fitness program called Youth Movement Project which they are planning to launch in January. He commented that they will be looking for help for this. They are

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presently planning the next Fort Night Run that will occur on May 4 with a Star Wars Theme. He commented that there is opportunity for sponsorship and participation in this event.

An activity that they are also looking at for the May event is a Lacrosse game at Fort Wellington in the afternoon. Lacrosse is known to be a historical sport at Fort Wellington.

**Approval of June's Minutes**

**Moved by Ben Quenneville**

Move to approve June's Meeting Minutes

**Seconded by Tim Mackay**

**Motion Carried**

**Liaison Highlight Reports (5 minutes each)**

- BIA

Sandra commented that the BIA website is now designed so that it can be circulated to people in the downtown so that any changes or improvements that need to be made can be done. Sandra gave a short report on the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Golf Tournament that was held on Labour Day weekend at the Prescott Golf Club.

Deron commented that the Zombie Walk is back and is being held on October 26, 27. There will be lots of events including a haunted house at LeMar Luxe. The BIA newsletter will be out soon.

- GCFDC – (see attached poster)

- Town of Prescott

Mike Ostrander reported that Northern Cables is expanding and there are going to be approximately 20 – 25 new jobs. He also commented that there has been some new housing in town (Wood Street and St. Lawrence Street). They have refreshed the commemorative tree program. It had hit a lull in the last couple of years and they have revived it. They are also going to do a complete audit of the commemorative benches. The Windmill Brewery had a fundraising event to raise money for the new rink.

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- Augusta Township  
Bill Buckler reported that there are plans in the works to bring a new business to the old DuPont Site. There will be more information on this in the near future. Augusta Township has started a new Youth Group. This will be run by the youth. A booklet has been created with all the activities the township has to offer. This includes names of organizations and what activities will be going on. The booklet is approximately 25 pages long.
- Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal – no report

### **Treasurer's Report**

Deb reported that she paid the Post Office Box renewal fee. Bonnie suggested that for October's Meeting she would like the board to consider increasing the Mutual Fund to \$10,000.00. She requested that Blinda look into that for the next meeting. Bonnie suggested that it would be nice to have some seed money in there if the Chamber was working on a specific project in the future.

### **Moved by Deb Coles**

Move to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented

**Seconded by Blinda Campbell**

**Motion Carried**

### **General Business:**

#### **1. Charlie McFarlane Golf Tournament**

Blinda commented that the golf tournament was amazing. There were lots of people who participated and the weather cooperated. The entire community was very supportive with sponsorship and donations. There was a live and silent auction. Ben's videos were overwhelming. The McFarlane Family appreciated the plaque that was given to them.

#### **2. Annual Awards Banquet**

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Joan reported that the Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 30 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Prescott. Our corporate sponsor is MacKay Funeral Home. She is still looking for a couple of award sponsors as well as a dinner sponsor.

Coast FM wanted to be a Corporate Sponsor of the Awards Banquet. However they wanted to pay this sponsorship (\$500.00) in advertising instead of cash. A discussion was held with the group and it was agreed that Bonnie and Joan would sit down with Lisa from Coast FM and let her know that our sponsorship does not allow in kind.

Dan will contact the Caldwell Family to see if they still want to present the Connie Dickey Memorial Youth Award this year.

### **New Business**

#### **All Candidates Meeting**

Sandra commented that in the past, the Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the All Candidates Meeting for the upcoming municipal elections and she was wondering why the chamber was not involved this year. She believes that this event is important because it puts all the candidates on a level playing field. Bonnie responded that she knows that this event is very important to the community, however after discussing this with the other directors they realized that they did not have the resources to do it properly. The committee suggested that we start working on an election manual so that when the next election starts in 4 years we are prepared.

### Membership Report

#### **Moved by Tim MacKay**

Move to accept Spencerville Mill as a new chamber member

#### **Seconded by Blinda Campbell**

**Motion Carried**

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**Moved by Tim MacKay**

Move to accept Ashley Home Store as a new chamber member

**Seconded by Deb Coles**

**Motion Carried**

**Moved by Ben Quenneville**

Move to accept Prescott Turkish Restaurant as a new chamber member

**Seconded by Blinda Campbell**

**Motion Carried**

**Moved by Deb Coles**

Move to accept The Ceremony Company – North Augusta as a new chamber member

**Seconded by Blinda Campbell**

**Motion Carried**

**Moved by Tim MacKay**

Move to accept Giant Tiger – Prescott as a new chamber member

**Seconded by Deb Coles**

**Motion Carried**

**HR Committee**

The HR Committee met to discuss the hours and days the secretary works at the chamber office. They suggested that they amend the hours of operation from one day a week to two (4 hours a day – Tuesday and Thursday). The secretary would then work an additional 2 hours a week at secretary's discretion. Dan stated that the contract will be reviewed at the end of the year with a possibility of increasing the hours by 2 hours.

**Moved by Dan Cook**

To amend the secretary's hours from 8 hours on Wednesdays to 4 hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 – 1 and an additional 2 hour floater to be used at the secretary's discretion.

**Seconded by Deb Coles**

**Motion Carried**

**The next meeting will be held at CSE Consulting, 191 King Street East in Prescott on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

**Move by Deb Coles**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**  
**September 26, 2018**  
**Augusta Business Centre**

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Chairman

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