

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018
Bridgeview Restaurant – 12:00**



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

Chairperson: Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler

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

Board Members Absent- Gerry Hasiuk, Lynda Joannis, Tim MacKay

In Attendance – Deron Johnston representing Prescott BIA, Councillor Mike Ostrander- representing the Town of Prescott, Pat Sayeau representing the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Heather Lawless – GCFDC

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 and a quorum was confirmed.

Introduction of Guests- None

Approval of May’s Agenda

Moved by Andrea Derochie

Move to approve May’s Agenda

Seconded by Dan Cook

Motion Carried

Approval of April’s Minutes

Moved by Lisa Temple

Move to approve April’s Meeting Minutes

Seconded by Deb Coles

Motion Carried

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President’s Report

Bonnie commented that the 125th celebration of the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce was extremely successful and a lot of fun. She thanked the committee for all their hard work. The Chamber will have a booth at the upcoming Business Showcase and Expo that is taking place at the Ingredion Centre in Cardinal on June 8 and 9th. Bonnie is looking for some help manning the chamber’s booth.

Bonnie will be attending the graduation at South Grenville District High School on June 27th to present a \$300.00 award from the Chamber.

Bonnie participated in the All Candidates Meeting in Brockville along with members from the Brockville & District Chamber of Commerce as well as the Gananoque Chamber. She commented that this was a great Collaboration between the three chambers.

A networking barbeque will be held at Dewar’s Inn on July 18th

Liaison Highlight Reports (5 minutes each)

- **BIA**

Starting July 3rd, the BIA will be conducting the 12 days of Shakespeare. During this event they will randomly be visiting businesses downtown and handing out \$40.00 restaurant gift certificates as well as 2 tickets to a Shakespeare performance.

Deron Johnston reported that their website will hopefully be up and running for the summer. The new website will have an available property section which will be good for people who are looking for space in downtown Prescott.

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There will be some grand openings in June and July. Olde Magick is having a one-year anniversary and the Turkish Restaurant is opening soon. Taste of Prescott is back and will be held on June 15.

- **GCFDC**

Heather Lawless reported that the Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation will hold their Annual General Meeting on Friday, June 22 at the Spencerville Mill with breakfast starting at 8:30 am. The meeting will run from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be David Van Stralen, Louet North America. RSVP by June 18, 2018.

- **Town of Prescott**

Mike Ostrander reported that the town has a new CAO. Matthew Armstrong has taken on this new role. A committee has been formed to plan the future of the 2nd floor of the Town Hall. The Town of Prescott along with Augusta Township and Edwardsburgh/Cardinal township are busy planning the upcoming Business Showcase and Expo. They are also jointly planning the Taste of Prescott with the BIA. Summer students have been hired for the summer months.

- **Augusta Township** - none

- **Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal**

Pat Sayeau reported that Port Days this year will be on Saturday, June 16. Greenergy placed an ad in the Prescott Journal on May 23 because they wanted to get some exposure to the public before they went ahead with their investment of 6 acres that is situated in the northwest corner of the land that is owned by Jones Rail (not far from the northeast corner of the Prescott Golf Club). Negotiations are ongoing between these 2 parties. People can learn more about Greenergy by visiting their website at www.greenergy.com/johnstown. Site Plan Amendment was approved for the old Bingo Hall that will go through a slight modification for a new business that will hopefully create more jobs.

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Treasurer’s Report

Deb reported that she is still waiting on a couple more sponsorship cheques from the 125th celebration.

Moved by Lisa Temple

Move to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented

Seconded by Rod Palmer

Motion Carried

Secretary’s Report

Joan will not be in the office on Wednesday, June 13, 2018

General Business:

Golf Tournament

A short discussion was held on the Golf Tournament that was scheduled for June 27 at the Prescott Golf Course. Since we do not have any confirmation around sponsorship and have done no advertising it was decided that the committee would have a meeting as soon as possible to discuss whether the tournament should be moved to September.

Membership

Andrea reported that Bonnie and herself had a meeting with Doug Phillips around Chamber benefits. There are a lot of unanswered questions around membership benefits and Doug reassured them that he will be more proactive around answering these questions. Moving forward, new chamber members will receive information on chamber insurance as part of their welcome package and then Doug will reach out to them.

There are some issues with the website. There are many features that would enhance the website (online application, member to member discount area) and according to Andrea this is a costly venture. Andrea is looking to other sources for help with the website.

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Andrea commented that on our website only 5 events can be displayed at a time without paying an extra fee.

**Moved by Deb Coles to adjourn the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting on
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Meeting adjourned

1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2018 at the Prescott Turkish Restaurant at noon.

Chairman

Date

Secretary

Date

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