



Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 25th January 2018 – 8:30 a.m.
Prescott Golf Club

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Dan Cook called the meeting to order and confirmed the presence of a quorum at 9:00 am.

PRESENT FROM BOARD: President: Dan Cook, Directors: Deb Coles, Andrea Derochie, Lynda Joannis, Tim MacKay, Rod Palmer, Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler,

REGRETS: Directors: Lisa Temple

ABSENT: Directors: Jeff Morris, Gerry Hasiuk

GUESTS: Mayor Brett Todd - Town of Prescott, Katherine Belrose - Grenville County Historical Society, Belinda Campbell – Bank of Montreal, Kelsey White – Bank of Montreal, Luc Gosselin – Metal Graft Canada Ltd., Deron Johnston – BIA, Sandra Lawn – BIA, Rod Wallace – Grenville Community Futures Development, Frank and Judy Li – Dewar’s Inn On The River, Pat Marceau – Johnstown ATV Club, Jaime Nurse, Mike Ostrander – Town of Prescott, Doug Phillips – Phillips Group Benefits, Pam Robertson – Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce, Joe Martell – Prescott Journal, Joan Rupert-Barkley – Chamber Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY: Tim MacKay

Moves that the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce, January 25th 2018, be approved as circulated.

SECONDED BY: Rod Palmer

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:

MOVED BY: Lynda Joannis

Move that the minutes of the AGM of the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce, January 26th 2017, be adopted as submitted.

SECONDED BY: Rod Palmer

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Dan Cook thanked everyone for coming and thanked the sponsors of the AGM Frank and Judy Li from Dewar's Inn On The River. He said that he looked forward to working with the couple on more projects. Dan commented that it was a great experience to serve as president of the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce for the past 2 years. His father held the same position a few decades ago and he was very happy to follow in his footsteps. He stated that the chamber has worked hard to get things on track. The Chamber has had a great relationship with the town and townships. Some of the accomplishments from 2017 include:

- Creation of HR Committee
- New Board Secretary position
- Membership 75 in 2016, 88 in 2017
- Second year in the new location
- New computer system
- Website updates for membership
- Partnered for some events with Brockville Chamber

He extended a thank you to all volunteers and board members who helped him during his term as president and he is proud of the work the Chamber has done over the past 2 years.

SOUTH GRENVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – 125TH CELEBRATION

In 2018, the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce will celebrate their 125th anniversary. The Grenville County Historical Society is partnering with the Chamber to plan an event for this occasion. Katherine Belrose from the society gave a brief presentation about the history of the Chamber. She commented that the society has the minute books from 1893 – 1965. Also in their collection are old menus from Chamber dinners that were held at the Daniel's Hotel when the Chamber was the Board of Trade. In her presentation she shared some stories that came straight from the minute books. A committee will be organized to plan this 125th Anniversary event.

Mayor Brett Todd presented certificates on behalf of the Town of Prescott. He also presented certificates from Premier Kathleen Wynne, Mayor Pat Sayeau, Mayor Doug Malanka, MP Gord Brown and MPP Steve Clark congratulating the Chamber on their 125th anniversary.

He commented that it was interesting to hear the history of the chamber and although some things have changed the chamber is still about community and building businesses. He congratulated Dan on being a great advocate for this area and for all his dedication to the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce. He also wished Bonnie good luck in her new position as Chamber President.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Deb Coles presented the treasurer's report.

MOVED BY: Lynda Joanisse

Move that the financial statements of the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce for 2017 be adopted as submitted.

SECONDED BY: Rod Palmer

MOTION CARRIED

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

RESIGNATIONS:

Cheryl Arcand has stepped down from her role as Director. Dan thanked her for all her hard work with such things as Chairperson of the Annual Golf Tournament.

President Dan Cook called for nominations from the floor, and Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler nominated Belinda Campbell of the Bank of Montreal. Belinda stood for the nomination. Dan stated that he received a nomination by email from Ben Quenneville from Property Guys.

MOVED BY: Rod Palmer

Move that the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Board accept the nominations presented and appoint the following people to the Board of Directors:

President: Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler, South Grenville Food Bank

Director: Daniel Cook, Brister Insurance

Director: Debra Coles, Metal Grafix Canada Ltd.

Director: Andrea Derochie, Sunlife Financial

Director: Rod Palmer, CSE Consulting

Director: Tim MacKay, MacKay Funeral Homes

Director: Gerry Hasiuk, Hasiuk Holdings

Director: Jeff Morris, Morris Group/St. Lawrence Printing

Director: Lisa Temple, Mayfield Retirement Residence

Director: Lynda Joanisse, St. Lawrence Academy

Director: Belinda Campbell, Bank of Montreal

Director: Ben Quenneville, Property Guys

SECONDED BY: Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Remarks:

Dan thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and for supporting him as president over the past 2 years.

Moved by Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

Move that the Annual General Meeting of the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce, January 25, 2018 be adjourned at 9:45 am.