



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, June 15, 2017
8:00 A.M. Augusta Business Centre

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

Chairperson: President Dan Cook

Board Members Present – Lisa Temple, Bonnie Pidgeon, Andrea Derochie, Deb Coles

Board Members Absent- Gerry Hasiuk, Jeff Morris, Rod Palmer, Tim MacKay, Lynda Joanisse, Cheryl Arcand

Regrets: Heather Lawless

In Attendance – Sandra Lawn- representing Prescott BIA, Councillor Bill Buckler- representing Augusta Township, and Mayor Pat Sayeau representing Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

Introductory Remarks:

The meeting was brought to order at 8:13 am and the chair confirmed that there was not a quorum; however Tim MacKay approved items on the agenda that needed to be approved via text.

Introduction of Guest: None

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Lisa Temple

Move to approve June’s agenda

Seconded by Bonnie Pidgeon

Motion Carried

Approval of May’s 2017 Minutes

Moved by Deb Coles

Move to approve May’s minutes

Seconded by Andrea Derochie

Motion Carried

Approval of Office Renewal – September 2017

Bonnie reported that she had looked into a couple of questions concerning the Augusta Business Centre. First of all we cannot have our name outside the building on the big billboard. However, Bonnie is going to ask Chris McCorkell if we can put our sandwich board outside on the day someone is in the office. The South



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Grenville Chamber of Commerce name is listed on the panel as you enter the front door of the Business Centre. Bonnie also asked Chris if we could have a mailbox put on the office door. We will need to purchase the box, and then Chris will install it.

Moved by Bonnie Pidgeon

Move to approve Office Rental at the Augusta Business Centre

Seconded by Deb Coles

Motion Carried

President’s Report- Dan Cook

- Dan was invited down to the Port of Johnstown for Port Days (great networking opportunity)

Dan read an email that he received from Cheryl Arcand about the golf tournament and awards banquet.

- Although the golf tournament numbers were down there was significant money raised. Some of the obstacles this year were weather and lack of website communication. Cheryl thanked everyone for their help. She has followed up with golfers and Thom at the club and it was suggested that in the future the tournament should be held at a later date.
- Suggested possible October Murder Mystery Dinner as a fundraiser
- Looking at venue and date options for Awards Banquet

Membership Report – Deb Coles and Bonnie Pidgeon

- Membership fees are continuing to come in.
- Deb sent out all membership reminders. If fees not received by June 20 – name will be removed from website.
- Deb and Bonnie will go to Grenville Park and introduce the Chamber to the new owners
- Received application for new member – Tire Craft in Brockville

Moved by Dan Cook

Move to accept Tire Craft in Brockville as a new member

Seconded by Deb Coles

Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report – Deb Coles

The treasurer’s report was circulated and reviewed.

Moved by Lisa Temple

Move to accept treasurer’s report as presented

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Secretary’s Report - Joan Rupert-Barkley

- Helped out at the Charlie McFarlane Golf Tournament
- Created Board of Directors Information Sheet, Key Log, and adding information to Office Manual
- Gave a membership form to Ben Quenneville from Property Guys
- Met with Angela Thompson-Trussell Tuesday night – did not get a chance to review email situation before meeting

General Business

Chamber Barbeque – Bonnie Pidgeon

- Barbeque was postponed until July meeting due to weather and lack of sponsorship
- Sponsors for this barbeque event will be Mayfield Retirement and Doug Phillips. Mr. Phillips does the Chamber benefits.
- BBQ to be held July 20
- Joan will design poster
- Members will get their plaques that day
- Great opportunity for networking
- 50/50 draw at barbeque
- Encourage members to bring guests to barbeque

Shakespeare Sponsorship

- Shakespeare contacted Dan to see if Chamber wanted to advertise in their program this year as done in previous years. Dan put motion forward by email and it was accepted by email.

Business Showcase and Expo

- Bonnie indicated that the Chamber did not have a table at Business Expo (too much on Chamber’s plate to do it successfully)
- Bonnie has been in contact with Leanne Burton about the event to express that even though the Chamber was not there they were thankful that the Chamber got the opportunity to sponsor breakfast
- Need to play larger role in Business Fair next year
- Need to revise Membership Package



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Committee Reports:

Liaison Report

Augusta Township – Bill Buckler

- Over 500 people attended the Business Showcase and Expo at Ingredion Centre in Cardinal
- 70 people attended breakfast (among these 40 or 50 were small businesses)
- 82 tables sold with about 70 vendors all together (some people had more than 1 table)
- New owner of Dewar’s Inn was at Economic Development Meeting – wants to get involved in community (looking for people to do fishing, canoeing, teaching English)
- Requested that someone from Chamber talk to him

BIA –Sandra Lawn

- Approved hiring of assistant – will be advertising for a part-time person to work for BIA
- Pursuing proper website for Downtown Prescott
- Got grant for RED (rural economic development) gateway signs, applied for 3 but only received 1
- New tenants downtown, Property Guys and new owners from former Pages and Chick’s
- Attended meeting on Rebates for Downtown Businesses that are vacant
- BIA had a table at Business Showcase & Expo
- Canada C3 - Converted Coast Guard Ship- pleased to be invited to be on board for 4 days
- Attended meet and greet for Shakespeare volunteers

Town of Prescott – Mike Ostrander - no report

Augusta Township – Bill Buckler

- Requested someone from Chamber could be on Business Showcase and Expo committee for next year’s event
- AquaWorld has several hurdles to overcome - they have been informed that there is enough water to run a Water Splash Park



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Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal – Mayor Pat Sayeau – no report

GCFDC – Heather Lawless

GCFDC Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- All are welcome to attend our AGM scheduled for:
 - **FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017**
 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. AGM
 - Brigadoon Restaurant, Oxford Mills
 - Guest Speaker – Ryan Hreljac, Ryan’s Well Foundation
- Register here: <https://gcfdc2017.eventbrite.ca>

Launch Lab Mentoring Services

- **Mentoring services** delivered by Entrepreneurs in Residence (at no cost to the entrepreneur) are available to support entrepreneurs and their companies in order to drive prosperity and job creation throughout the region
- Appointments are available to meet with the Entrepreneurs in Residence in Prescott on **July 27, 2017**
- Contact Rod Wallace, Business Loans Officer, Tel. 613-925-4275 ext. 22, rwallace@grenvillecfdc.com to book an appointment.

Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP)

- Applications are accepted on a continuous basis
- Review program details here: <http://www.grenvillecfdc.com/grants>
- Contact eodp@grenvillecfdc.com for program information.

Business Loan and Consultation Programs

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Closing Remarks – Dan Cook

Dan stated that he has talked to the new owner of the former Pages store and he has invited him to attend a Chamber meeting or BIA Meeting. It was unfortunate that the Chamber did not have a table at the Business Showcase and Expo but they felt they did not have enough time or volunteers to put something together. They will plan better next year.

Moved by Deb Coles

Moved to adjourn the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting, June 15, 2017

Seconded by Lisa Temple

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned

9:20 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20 at 12:00 noon at the Augusta Business Centre.