



SGCofC Meeting - Tuesday Dec 13, 2022

Location: CSE Consulting board room



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

Chairperson: Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

Board Members Present: Rod Palmer, Lynda Joanisse, Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler, Blinda Campbell, Lindsay Fox (Staff)

Other Members/Representatives Present: Sean Lucey, Honorable Gauri Shankur(Town of Prescott), Honourable Jeff Shaver(Augusta Township), Katie Nolan, Darren Gallacher, Tracey Young - By Zoom (Town of Prescott) , Dana Valentyne (Town of Prescott)

Regrets(Board Directors): Tim Mackay, Ben Quenneville, Andrea Desrochie,Nathalie Sohbie,Debra Coles
Notes: Quorum not Met

Welcome and Call to Order – President Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report(Debra Coles) - See Attached

Secretary's Report (Lindsay Fox) - Has taken over website, advertisement and membership - is excited to bring consistency and correspondence to our Chamber members. Would like to encourage everyone to ensure that they have the Chamber Master App on their phone for easy access and correspondence.

- New membership - currently 80 businesses

Program and Plannings (Lynda Joanisse- Current Chamber Board Secretary) - Please see below:

ACTION ITEM: We are encouraging a fresh start to the Chamber Board. Please bring forward new nominees for the Chamber Board, - All positions are open for nomination - if anything interested you - please be in contact with Lindsay Fox through ChamberMaster to indicate your interest and the position that you are interested in:

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President: Open For Nominations

Vice President : Open For Nominations

Secretary: Open For Nominations **(Is this now Lindsay instead of me? - Do I still take meeting minutes etc?)**

Treasurer: Open For Nominations

Portfolio Manager/Directors at large:

Management Portfolios Positions Nominated, Awarded and Available:

- Annual Awards Gala Committee (numerous positions available) - Nominated: **Jason Desjardins**
- Business After 5 Coordinator - **Rod Palmer** , CSE Consulting
- Event Coordinators - **Blinda, BMO and Nathalie Sohie**
- Membership/Marketing/Website Maintenance/Communications(Accounting?)- **Lindsay Fox, The Crafty Assistant**
- Chamber Liaison/Connection across Canada - **Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler, South Grenville Food Bank**
- BIA Representative - **Blinda Campbell, Senior Relationship Manager, BMO Bank of Montreal**
- Compliance Director(Policies and Procedures) - **Position Open - Tim McKay?!?!?**
- Volunteer Coordinator (reaching out to the community compiling lists of past members who would be willing to help with events etc.) - **Position Open**
- Tourism Specialist - Nominated: **Jason Desjardins, Sandra Lawn**
- AGM Report Coordinator - **Lynda Joannis, Director, St. Lawrence Academy**
- Marketing/Business Support Specialist (Business Support Ideas/Creating Ads for events etc) - **Position Open**
- Membership Liason/Outreach Specialist - Reaching out personally to visit and recruit new members/new businesses - **Position Open**

Upcoming Scheduled Chamber Meetings: Zoom Capabilities at all meetings

January 10th 3pm

February 14th 3pm

March 14th 3pm

Chamber Staff - LINDSAY Fox (The Crafty Assistant) - Surveyed all members:

Time and day preferences responses:

Second Tuesday of Every month

Top meeting times: 3-5, 5-7 (to fluctuate between the two - Each meeting will specify)

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Alliance Reports:

- Town of Prescott (in attendance the honourable Gauri Shankur, Dana Valentyne and Council member Tracey Young

Hi-Lites: Municipalities Food bank Challenge Staycation Tax Credit - Vacationing in Ontario - more to come

- Light up the night - 300+ in attendance
- Santa and Helpers - loads of fun from the BIA
- Museum staying open thru to April - exciting traffic - 60+ people per day at times. great merchandise and interactive - very uplifting - full families spent 2 hours!!!
- Rover route bussing - once per week currently - sometimes upwards of 50-60 per day - hopeful to expand
- Hotel Coming to Prescott
- Augusta Township (in attendance the honourable Jeff Shaver) Jan 3rd - budget talks - more to come
 - Feed The Need campaign - response very moving - food and monetary donations - above and beyond
 - 1 new council member - 3 returning - orientation
 - future development on Merwin Lane
 - Augusta Academy - Mapleleaf schools - hoping to start in September with 60 students
 - local farmers donating \$\$\$ from crops to Food Banks
 - will provide a Rep from council to consistently attend Chamber meetings
- Township of Edwardsburg Cardinal - Regrets - not able to connect
- GCFDC - (Katie Noland and Darren Gallacher in attendance)
 - Finishing contract with current support working on new contract
 - Encouraging local businesses to make effective plans for possible recession to come.
 - encouraging students
- Prescott BIA - (Blinda Campbell representing) - Key concentration for BIA - beautification of downtown core
 - Santa and Helpers visit a big hit
 - Christmas decoration along main street and harbour front
 - new map coming out both in leaflet and tear away form
 - museum market - pop ups planned
 - Nominations for new directors now open - Deadline January 4th

Upcoming Networking Events -

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Business After 5 Portfolio Manager - Rod Palmer (CSE):

Tuesday, Dec 20th 5:00-7:00 at the Windmill Brewery

Tuesday, January 17th - 5:00-7:00 - Food Bank and Kings Kitchen at the Prescott Legion

Next Member Meeting - Chamber - 2nd Tuesday of the month - January 10th - Host - BMO

Interested in being the host of our next meeting? Or a featured business in the next meeting (5 min presentation of YOUR business) LET US KNOW!!!!

Meeting Adjourned

Action ITEMS RECAP: (Please ensure these things are complete by our next meeting:

Lindsay:

- Send links to Chamber App and Chamber Master Website
- Create notice for next Business After 5 at the Brewery and send to all members
- Send Meeting minutes to all members
- Create chart showing breakdown of which Towns/townships our businesses are from

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