



South Grenville Chamber of Commerce

BMO Board Room

Tuesday Jan 10 2023

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

Chairperson: Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

Board Members Present, Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler, Blinda Campbell, Lindsey Fox (Staff), Andrea Derochie, Lynda Joannis

Other Members/Representatives Present: Sean Lucey, Mayor Gauri Shankar(Town of Prescott), Darren Gallacher, Tracey Young (Town of Prescott) , Dana Valentyne (Town of Prescott) , Kevin spencer, Sandra Lawn, Mark Derickx- **new member**, Stephen Dillbaugh(TWP E/C)

Regrets(Board Directors): Tim Mackay, Ben Quenneville, Natalie Sohbie, Debra Coles, Rod Palmer

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) – sending invoices out via chambermaster, Business after 5, chart for the twps. percentages

Program and Plannings (Lynda Joannis- 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:

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:

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Management Portfolios Positions Nominated, Awarded and Available:

- Annual Awards Gala Committee (numerous positions available) - Nominated: **Jason Desjardins , Sandra Lawn**
- Business After 5 Coordinator - **Rod Palmer , CSE Consulting**
- Annual Golf Tournament 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**
- AGM Report Coordinator/Secretary - **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

February 14th 3:30pm -SLA

March 14th 3pm

Alliance Reports:

Riverroute

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

Hi-Lites:

- Looking for Digital mainstreet coordinator
- Looking at the budget for projects – ongoing
- New invest prescott platform
 - Business support etc
- Passport renewal clinic feb 11 10-3 call barretts office to make appt-back before march break
- New business opening Friday 13

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Fyidrs 1pm

Curls and cuts 145

- Township of Edwardsburg Cardinal –
 - Start budget next week
 - Capital projects
 - Canoe and kayak rental at nation river/cardinal legion
 - Fridays February 10-1130 – business doors open
 - Aug 24 professional “Fuel bait” bass tournament – cardinal legion
- GCFDC - (Darren Gallacher in attendance)
 - Finishing contract with current support working on new contract
 - How to help new start ups
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- Prescott BIA - (Blinda Campbell representing) - Key concentration for BIA - beautification of downtown core
 - BIA AGM Jan 31 2023 – voting meeting for board members

Upcoming Networking Events -

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

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 – February 14th - Host - SLA
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:

- Contact SBCC
- AGENDA Meeting with Bonnie
- Financial sheet not updating YTD under wix

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