



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday, February 15, 2018 - noon**

**Boomer's Sports Bar and Restaurant**

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

Chairperson: Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

Board Members Present: Dan Cook, Andrea Derochie, Tim MacKay, Lisa Temple, Deb Coles, Jeff Morris, Blinda Campbell, Ben Quenneville

Board Members Absent: Gerry Hasiuk, Lynda Joannis

Regrets: Rod Palmer

In Attendance: Bill Buckler – Augusta Township, Deron Johnston– BIA

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 and a quorum was confirmed. The committee observed a minute of silence in honour of former Chamber of Commerce President Robert Lawn who passed away.

**Welcome and Call to Order**

This was the first meeting of the new board so everyone at the table introduced themselves to the new directors Blinda Campbell and Ben Quenneville.

**Approval of February's Agenda**

Deb requested that "Update on Boundaries" be added to the agenda under General Business.

**MOVED BY: TIM MACKAY**

Move to approve February's Revised Agenda

**SECONDED BY: DEB COLES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of January's Minutes**

**MOVED BY: DEB COLES**

Move to approve January's Minutes

**SECONDED BY: BELINDA CAMPBELL**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**President's Greetings & Report** – President Bonnie Pidgeon- Cougler

Bonnie reported that her and Dan attended an open house at Air Liquide Canada in Edwardsburgh/Cardinal last week. This new company is interested in joining the Chamber. She reported that they seem very engaged with the community at large. Bonnie has reached out to the Ogdensburg Chamber. It is hoped that this relationship will be rebuilt.

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**Liaison Highlight Reports (5 minutes each)**

**BIA**

Deron Johnston from the BIA reported that the next BIA Meeting is on February 22 at 7:00 at the Red George. Everyone is welcome. The BIA along with the town are also going to be having an information session with the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association. Deron stated that the BIA is looking forward to an exciting year.

**GCFDC** – see attached report

**Town of Prescott** – No Report

**Augusta Township**

Bill Buckler reported that Bonnie attended their last council meeting informing the township about the upcoming South Grenville Chamber of Commerce 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration. She was asking for a donation of \$500.00 as well as a volunteer to sit on the committee.

**Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal** – No report

**Treasurer's Report** – Deborah Coles

Deb reported that she has received quite a few membership fees this month. She said that the petty cash was increased. Previously the Chamber had been paying their website fees through a BMO credit card that was in former treasurer's name, Brent Laton. He got the card on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Deb stated that as a Chamber we are not allowed to have a credit card, therefore she has agreed to let her card make the payment and then the Chamber will reimburse her for the payment.

**MOVED BY: Andrea Derochie**

Move to accept Treasurer's Report

**SECONDED BY: Jeff Morris**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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### **Secretary's Report – Joan Rupert-Barkley**

The Business Showcase and Expo will take place on June 8 and 9 at the Ingression Centre in Cardinal. The event runs on Friday night from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Joan will be looking for volunteers to help with this event since she will be unable to attend.

### **MOVED TO: DAN COOK**

Purchase table at Business Showcase on June 8 and 9

**SECONDED BY: BONNIE PIDGEON-COUGLER**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **General Business:**

#### **Funding for Chamber's 125<sup>th</sup>**

The South Grenville Chamber of Commerce will hold the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration on Tuesday, April 24 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Prior to 5 o'clock and after 7 o'clock there will be walking tours. The Grenville County Historical Society has done a lot of work on the history of the chamber and it was decided that any proceeds left from the event will be donated to the Grenville County Historical Society. She said that she just wanted the board to be comfortable with what the committee is working on. All three townships are being asked to donate \$500.00 for this event. There will be a ticket price to attend this event. Dan suggested that when the 125<sup>th</sup> committee decides on a budget they need to contact the Directors as soon as possible so that they can vote on it by email.

#### **Update of Chamber Boundaries**

A couple of months ago, Deb sent in a change of name for the Chamber and she got a reply back from Corporation Canada saying that it did not reflect the boundaries of South Grenville and it overlapped into other Chambers. Therefore the change was not officially accepted. Deb reported that Merrickville, Mountain and South Dundas are the borders that are overlapping with the South Grenville Chamber. Tim MacKay has reached out to these other chambers to discuss the border situation but has not heard back from them. Tim is going to phone Corporations Canada office and will get a clarification on where we are infringing on borders and we will move our border back so it is not longer overlapping with other chambers.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Memberships**

Andrea reported that she is going through the membership list to make sure that all the contact information is up-to-date. Joan is sending out the 2018 stickers to members that have paid their fees for this year. Andrea is working on the website. She hopes to have an online membership form.

Andrea is having a hard time getting in touch with Doug Phillips concerning chamber benefits.

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1. HR Committee – No Report

**Closing Remarks – President Bonnie Pidgeon Coughler**

A couple of weeks ago, a bioeconomy document was sent from Monica Shepley, Advocacy & Policy Development from the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce requesting our chamber support the resolution. Since this was time sensitive, approval from our chamber directors was asked via email. Bonnie reported that approval was unanimous.

**The next South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m. at the Augusta Business Centre.**

**MOVED BY BEN QUENNEVILLE**

To adjourn the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting on  
February 15, 2018.

Meeting adjourned

1:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

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Secretary

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Date

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