

SMITHS FALLS & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of Meeting – January 11th, 2017

Valley Heartland Board Room

7:30 am

Present: Barbara Black, Sean Lawrence, Chris Saumure, Cy Wells, Heather Currie-Whiting, Therese Dinelle, Kristine Fair, Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan, Mike Fletcher

Council Reps: Dawn Quinn

Regrets: Paula Inglis, Jean Sherman

Absent: Eileen Crosbie, Jeff Banks, Jay Brennan

Call to Order by President, Barbara Black, at 7:30 am

Mission Statement Read By President

Changes to the Minutes from November 2nd, 2016

No changes

Motion to accept the Minutes from November 2nd, 2016

Moved: Sean Lawrence

Second: Mike Fletcher

Motion Carried

Changes to the Minutes from December 14th, 2016

Change Howie to Howling- Therese

Motion to accept the Minutes, with changes, of December 14th, 2016

Moved: Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan

Second: Sean Lawrence

Motion Carried

New Business to Add to Agenda

1. Basic Income Pilot Project – Mike Fletcher
2. Planning Session – Mike Fletcher
3. Succession Planning – Barbara Black
4. Pier diem for staff travel and meals

Motion to accept the Agenda

Moved: Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan

Seconded: Sean Lawrence

Motion Carried

Nominations for the Executive:

President: Barbara Black

Acclaimed

Vice-President: Sean Lawrence

Acclaimed

Treasurer: Mike Fletcher

Moved: Chris Saumure

Second: Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan

Motion Carried

Past-President: Chris Saumure

Barbara Black advised to Mike Fletcher, Sean Lawrence and Chris Saumure that the CIBC account needs to be closed, signing authority needs to be updated and the GIC's need to be moved in order to keep all monies at the same place of business.

Disclosure of Monetary Interest

None

Council Report Town of Smiths Falls

Dawn Quinn – Presentation by the Lanark District Health Unit re: Basic Income Pilot Program. There is a survey at “Ontario.ca/basicincome” and ask everyone to consider taking the survey.

With Canada 150, Art Manhire at council asked everyone to step up and do an acceptable job with displays, flowers, etc. The town is proposing to get additional flowers so individual can purchase in order to keep the color them throughout the town.

Andrew Howard and Nick Ritchie presented at council asking for approval to move their business into the mall. Also they want to name two new products as “Old Slys” and “Frost & Woods”.

New cruiser is being purchased and any used cruisers will be passed down to departments in need of a vehicle.

Dawn thanked Barbara Black and Kristine Fair for their generosity and help with the senior stockings for Christmas. Ninety-six seniors in Smiths Falls received Christmas stockings the year.

Council Report – Township of Rideau Lakes

Jeff Banks away for 2 months.

Administrator/Bookkeeper Update

Therese Dinelle advised T4's are completed, working on year-end which is almost complete, January 2017 memberships have been billed out.

Marketing Coordinator Update

Via Rail – Mayor – **Heather is helping with the Via Rail and is putting together a VIP list for the lunch. Lunch is by invitation only.**

Westport tourism wanted to partner for some type of literature to pass out to boaters and influence to visit our community by staying for a few days.

Cyril, Economic Development, was asked for an MOU. It was not available.

Accreditation is due at the end of 2017.

Golf tournament booked for June 28, 2017.

Jeff Carter is hosting a meeting to meet the Chambers.

Heather Whiting will be off February 10th to February 24th, 2017

Victoria Park Campground Update

Chris Saumure had some notes he wanted to work on. Meeting setup for January 23rd, 2017 at 9:00 am at Saumure board room.

Gala

From December 14th, 2016 minutes:

Motion to have the Gala on March 2nd, 2017, as an Oscar night, and at the Gallipeau Centre.

Moved: Mike Fletcher, Jean Sherman, Mike Fletcher

Seconded: Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan, Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan, Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan

Motion to have Gala motion from December 14th, 2016 minutes rescinded.

Moved: Chris Saumure

Second: Mike Fletcher

Motion Carried

Kristine Fair suggested looking at the awards and possibly change.

To postpone Gala and host a Gala in October, 2017.

Curling Bonspiel

Heather Whiting made all directors aware the Winter Carnival week has been changed to March 11 to March 19th, 2017. Dates the curling arena is available are March 15th and 17th. A consensus of March 15th to hold the bonspiel. Chris Saumure suggested a chili cook off. All were in agreement to host a chili cook off for that day to all who wish to participate. The Chili will feed the participants in the bonspiel. **Heather was asked to book that date and run with it.**

Town Hall Renovations

No date as to when the renovations will take place.

Smiths Falls Christmas Parade

Heather was asked to invite Dave & Laurie Lawrence to a meeting to discuss the Chambers part in the Santa Claus parade. Barbara Black has receipts for Christmas lights that needed replacing in 2016 and the Chamber will pay for that cost.

Bylaws

It was suggested that the by-laws need to be rewritten and the deadline to complete needs to be 60 days prior to the AGM. A committee needs to be setup.

Basic Income Pilot Project

Mike Fletcher discussed the Basic Income Pilot Project. Mike discussed it would possibly bring \$25,000,000 to the Smiths Falls community. Mike foresees jobs disappearing for fast food employees, drivers (cab/truck), Analysts, etc in the future. Mike asked the board motion to support the Basic Income Pilot Project. **The board felt they are not versed on the topic and needed to educate themselves before making a motion at this time.** The SF&D Chamber needs to know where the Ontario Chamber of Commerce sits on this topic. **This topic is to be revisited.**

Succession Planning

To host an event that will help local businesses prepare for the Canada 150.

Need to plan for information events that will help businesses flourish.

St. Lawrence Parks Commission – Heather suggested having them in to help businesses get better prepared for the Canada 150. Heather was talking with Valley Heartland about partnering and board members suggested getting the DBA involved as well. Heather suggested March or April, the board members thought April would be best. **Heather was asked to continue exploring.**

Strategic Plan Update & Planning Session

Mike Fletcher suggested a ½ day or full day workshop to look at the strategic plan and construct a revised strategic plan. A meeting was setup for January 23rd, 2017 at 7:30 am at Valley Heartland board room.

Pier Diem for Staff

Barbara Black discussed mileage rate for staff using their vehicle and meals while at seminars for the Chamber. Chris Saumure felt .10 cents per kilometer. Board consensus is .50 cents per kilometer. Board consensus was to pay for meals if attending a seminar/symposium on the Chambers behalf.

Upcoming Board Meetings – February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12,
August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13.

Mission Statement

The Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce is the Voice of Commerce dedicated to the promotion of economic development and the prosperity for the enrichment of our community.

Vision Statement

The Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce is a proactive, energetic, visionary organization and is recognized as “The Voice of Business” in Smiths Falls since 1889.