

**SMITHS FALLS & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**June 4, 2014**

**Valley Heart Land Board Room**

**7:30 am**

**Present:** *Chris Saumure, Dave Lawrence, Eileen Crosbie, Tracey Pankow, Anne Shropshire, Kristine Fair, John Maloney, John Gray, CY Wells, Barry Webster, Jim Pankow, Joe Gallipeau, Sean Lawrence, Bev Street, Hugh Colton*

**Council Reps:** *Dennis Staples, Jay Brennan, Jeff Banks*

**Regrets:**

**Guests:** *Kevin ODair*

**Call to Order**

Chris Saumure called meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chris read the mission statement

**New Business to add to Agenda**

Wireless at Victoria Park

**Motion to accept Agenda**

**Moved:** Sean Lawrence

**Seconded:** CY Wells

**Changes to the minutes from May 14, 2014**

No changes

**Motion to accept the minutes from May 14, 2014**

**Moved** Dave Lawrence

**Seconded** CY Wells

**Disclosure of Monetary Interest**

None

### **Council Report Town of Smiths Falls**

- Mayor Staples gave the report
- Darlene McLachlin and Amy Rensby are relocating to the Orange Hall, questions about area traffic have been addressed
- Denoco would like to purchase a piece of land on Victoria St and turn it into residential units
- The Mayor thanked Anne for spearheading the medical students visit to town
- Russ Beach Airports fly in breakfast was a success with 40- 50 planes and 80-90 tourists
- There will be announcement regarding the CAO position next week
- Two grand openings the Cornelia Court Family Medical Centre and Tweed Inc
- ROI will be having a forum to discuss youth and meeting the needs of the youth in our area
- June 19 from 6-9 pm and June 20 at the Memorial Community Centre
- The funds to repair Turtle Island is coming from the disaster relief fund from the ice storm funds

### **Council Report – Township of Rideau Lake**

- The township has had a light schedule
- Leeds and Grenville will be holding public meetings in regards to moving to a provincial policing the area

### **Chamber Updates**

- Golf tournament under way almost full
- Plans for upcoming networking event at BBBS
- Financial update with explanation

### **Strategic Planning Update**

- Sub committee met last week
- Set up a timeline and schedule
- Will reconvene in September with a report on moving forward
- 4 meetings to be set with different subject to be tackled at each meeting

### **Museum Update**

- Ask to reach out to the CCIF Culture Investment Fund
- Invest to entice corporate retreats

### **DBA Dollars**

- Partnership with the Chamber to have DBA Dollars for sale at the office
- Purchase same as cash
- Need to keep track of serial numbers
- At the HLF they will be on sale for 10% off
- Signature stamp should be required

Motion to have the Chamber sell the DBA dollars at the Chamber

Motioned by: Barry Webster

Seconded by: Sean Lawrence

Carried

### **Internet at Victoria Park**

- We received a quote from Storm internet
- Cogeco cannot provide the service we need
- The equipment that we have from Cogeco is for home internet
- Initial investment will repair the problems for the long term

### **Physician Recruitment**

- Moving Ahead there is a task force

### **Economic Development**

#### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

**September 10, 2014**

**October 8, 2014**

**No Board meeting in July and August**

#### **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.**