

Caledonia Regional Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors

Minutes

Friday Feb. 20, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Krista Damant, Gary Nelson, Craig Grice, Randy Peirson, Maureen Thomson, Jose Gonzales, Dave Dishke, Heather Hibbs

Also: Len Offless from the Sachem, Barbara Martindale

Conflict of Interest: No-one

1. WELCOME

Vice President Krista Damant chaired the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Heather Hibbs, seconded by Maureen Thomson that the February 6, 2015 minutes be accepted and confirmed for sending to members. CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

- a) **The attendance sheet** was checked off.
- b) **Website Committee report** – Nothing further to report
- c) **Report re insurance claim** – nothing more at this time.
- d) **Bridge** – B. Martindale reported an email was sent to MTO and to the Project Team asking for updates on the bridge. She hadn't received an answer prior to the meeting. However, President Ken Parr had received news from Tyson Hendrick, Hald. Cty. to say there would be two way traffic during bridge construction.
- e) **Membership Renewals** – B. Martindale reported Kay Ware had taken out a new membership. There were about 130 renewals in.
- f) **Annual General Meeting** - Wed. March 25. Randy Peirson reported for the Nomination Committee saying Len Offless with the Sachem is interested, a reason for his attendance today. Also Ken Parr will be staying on as President. Cheryl Barker and Phil Noll will share attendance on behalf of the Ministerial Assoc.
- g) **Caledonia Plate Glass** – Heather Hibbs reported that she and Dennis Howden, just back from vacation, hadn't had a chance to put anything together.
- h) **Haldimand Habitat for Humanities** – Heather Hibbs reported she was at the steering committee meeting at which it was announced there would be a \$15,000 grant from the Hamilton group – awareness and getting the word is important at this time.
- i) **Improvements to Hwy #6** – A draft letter compiled by Ken Parr in regard to Hwy #6 improvements being done this coming summer was distributed and how it would be detrimental during a busy traffic time. The letter also stated it would be more beneficial to be done in the spring or in the fall. The letter will be sent via email to Kenneth Shannon MTO, with copies to Chris Barber MTO, Mayor Ken Hewitt, Councillor Craig Grice and Rob Phillips, Hagersville Chamber.

MOVED by Maureen Thomson, seconded by Craig Grice to approve the draft letter and that it can be sent as is. CARRIED.

- j) **International Womens Day** – Gary Nelson on behalf of Scotia Bank who is sponsoring the day at the Train Station for a luncheon on March 6th. He said the actual day is March 8. The Chamber office is taking names – he reminded business owners to send their women on staff.

4. FINANCE/SUCCESSION PLANNING COMMITTEE

B. Martindale said she would asking for the reviewed financial statements a week before the Annual General Meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) **Thank you letter from Alzheimer Society** – for prize for the Walkathon in January.
- ii) **OCC Membership letter** – as a result of renewing our membership, the Chamber received a letter from the Ontario Chamber outlining benefits etc.

- iii) **Risk Management & Business Performance** – three certificates- foundations, Implementation and Advanced Risk Practices, following the course’s four day a week, three times during 2015 and 2016. Obviously an expensive three module course to take.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Brief reports

- a) **Tourism Caledonia** – Firming up and confirming the four entertainers for Music in the Park.
- b) **Special Projects** – B. Martindale said she had asked the group to put shelving for books in what we call the Library Room at the Train Station.

Also, they will be building a second Information booth for Canada Day committee for the Children’s Area.

- c) **Economic Development**

BIA’s CMC - no report

LaFortune Park – Nothing more at this time.

Bridge Replacement – see above.

Haldimand Business Network- Randy Peirson reported that next meeting has been rescheduled to March 25 – won’t be held on Feb. 25 as first indicated.

- d) **Caledonia Connected** – Maureen Thomson reported that the Feb. 24 first in the series of monthly workshops that our Chamber and other Hald. Cty Chambers are partnering in was reported to be full – 25 people at each workshop. Caledonia’s workshop “Budgeting and Forecasting for Small Business” is being held on March 24 at the Gertrude Haller room in the Caledonia Library. Suzanne and Maureen will be the two needed volunteers during the 8:30 am to noon session.
- e) **Business Achievement** – Business Achievement dinner is Feb. 25. To further finalize plans, a meeting is being held following this meeting. There are approximately 167 people attending. Three key people will be in Florida – Warren Burger MC, Adele Brown and Gail MacLellan Citizen of the Year.
- g) **The Edinburgh Cup** – Tournament is Fri. May 29th. The next meeting is Feb. 27. Need to clarify putting charity and hear from MontHill on some of the details.
- h) **Canada Day** – The Canada Day committee met Wed. Feb. 18. Most committees have booked all their necessary entertainment, Children’s bouncers and games, bands for the Mainstage etc. etc. It was a good meeting with fewer in attendance but accomplished a great deal.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Craig Grice had some updates from Hald. Cty. for Chamber board members.

- a) Empire Homes are working through normal problems such as archaeology, infrastructure etc.

- b) Clearing Towpath – paid for by an individual but Hald. Cty. is doing the job. Others across Hald. Cty. can do the same.

- c) Staff are doing some legwork on crossing at Haddington and Argyle St.

- d) New community Lions Hall – goal is to have it completed by fall. Greg explained how it would be attached to HCCC.

- e) Another developer is building behind the Dunrobin area

- f) Developer building condo’s off Orkney St. E., is having negotiations re water and who should pay for it – units or owner.

- g) Better safety features for Hwy 6. What is the easiest and most effective solution – bumps middle of highway. Median down the middle is not good.

- h) Urban overlay of 2007 – Council has gone back to it – new urban overlay in Caledonia is being considered.

- i) Renfrew and Sterling will be wider – just resurfacing. Renfrew may have some water work done.

By the end of 2021, all of Caledonia will be resurfaced.

- j) \$750,000 has been set aside for staff and firemen to get together re new firehall.

8. ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 am.

9. **NEXT MEETING** – Fri. March 6th, 2015 at the Train Station at 8 am.