

**Municipality of Centre Hastings  
Economic Development Committee  
Minutes July 20, 2011**

**Present:** Tom Simpson (Chair), Larry Mitz, Doug Hunter, Tom Moore

Regrets: Bob Henderson, Chris Spencer, Bonnie Derrett

Recording Secretary: Jeff Bitton

Meeting called to order 1:35pm

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof:**

none

**Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Larry Mitz, seconded Doug Hunter. Carried

**Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2011:**

Moved by Larry Mitz, seconded my Doug Hunter. Carried

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Discussion regarding LED signs at the Skate Park, Ivanhoe, Market. Information to follow.

**Budget to date:**

Tom Simpson reported we are on track, have spent \$39,671 to date, budgeted \$70,000.

Moved by Doug Hunter, seconded by Larry Mitz budget report be received. Carried

**Volunteer Business Interviews Update:**

Tom Simpson has done two 2 ½ hour Food Services Surveys, 2 more pending.

**Tender Opening**

Note: Meeting temporarily suspended at 2:00pm for Tender Opening  
Resumed 2:15pm

### **Madoc Township Re-zoning Update:**

Tom Simpson noted 4 spoke against motion. Madoc Township is taking this concern "under consideration". Motocross events to continue as scheduled.

### **Municipal Services Update:**

Centre Hastings needs to proceed for another water source, needs to be addressed quickly. Reviewed Memorandum from Roger Taylor, Public Works Superintendent, dated 07/11 regarding Water and Sewer Capacity.

### **Christmas Lights Update:**

Arriving in August, 48 lights @ \$105, plus installation (approx. 3 days at \$900), total cost approx. \$8,000.00 installed.

### **Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Tour**

Tom Simpson assisted with a tour Friday July 19/2011 of approximately 200 Syrup Producers from all over Ontario, Quebec, Vermont and California from the Ramada Inn in Belleville north thru Centre Hastings/ Madoc Township, visiting area sugar bushes, historical sites, and including stops at Ivanhoe Cheese for free curd. The guests were suitably impressed with the area.

### **New Business:**

Plowing Match August 17/18, 2011. Doug Hunter moved, Tom Moore seconded, that Centre Hastings partner with Hastings County to provide a booth at the Plowing Match. Carried.

Tom Moore brought forward a concern regarding weeds along the roadside/ curbs downtown and south of the downtown area along Durham St.

Tom Moore moved, Doug Hunter seconded, that the Municipality be asked to clean up these weeds. Carried.

Larry Mitz advised that they will be hosting a Farmers Market at the Huntingdon Veterans Hall/ Ivanhoe on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Depending on its popularity, this may become a regular event.

Tom Moore brought forward a concern regarding the fees charged to the Ball Hockey Tournament July 16 at the Madoc Arena. Reportedly it was \$700 so the tournament was reduced to one day. Tom Simpson reported it was reduced to \$300.00, and that in fact they are looking at rebooking another tournament for August.

Tom Moore suggested a need to review current facilities locations including the rink, ball diamonds and soccer fields, especially lack of ball diamonds in Madoc, and soccer field usage.

Tom Simpson noted the Kiwanis Club is reviewing the possibility of developing an outdoor skating rink.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday September 21, 2011  
1:30pm Council Chambers

**\*Please note. There will be no meeting in August.**

**Adjournment:** meeting adjourned 2:45pm