

**Municipality of Centre Hastings
Economic Development Committee
Minutes October 19, 2011**

Present: Tom Simpson (Chair), Larry Mitz, Doug Hunter, Tom Moore, Bob Henderson, Bonnie Derrett

Regrets: Chris Spencer

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, seconded by Bonnie. Carried

Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2011:

Moved by Doug, seconded by Larry. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Tom noted the municipality is addressing the issue of weed spraying and removal of weeds along Durham St.

Budget to date:

Tom Simpson reported committee is within budget, have spent \$44,040 to date, budgeted \$70,000.

Moved by Bonnie, seconded by Larry, that the budget report be received. Carried

Maguire Motocross Event Update:

Tom S noted the Motocross event in September had good economic spin off, as it brought 303 families (approx. 900 people) to the area with a projected \$90,000 to \$100,000 spent at area merchants. The arena was opened for extra washrooms and shower access, and Rib fest had quite a few visitors come to the park too. Tom also provided 500 directories of local businesses to our visitors which were well received.

Economic Development Committee Mandate:

Moved by Doug, seconded by Bonnie that this committee's mandate be amended to include **"to promote Tourism and Events."** Carried.

Christmas Lights Update:

To date 30 new light brackets are up, 18 more pending, plus plugs still need to be installed. The old lights will stay up as well.

New Business:

Tom circulated a flyer regarding Remembrance Day flags and banners.

Moved by Bonnie, seconded by Doug that we purchase 2 Remembrance Day flags and 6 banners. Carried.

Tom S noted the Boat Launch roadway has been delayed pending additional requirements / environmental assessments by MTO.

Tom S reported the spawning ground improvement work done at Moira Lake Boat launch went quite well.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday November 16, 2011
1:30pm Council Chambers

Adjournment: meeting adjourned 2:25pm