

Minutes of the Madoc & District Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, July 15th, 2008
Madoc Public Library And Cultural Centre

1. Call to order by Rob Price, Vice Chair.
2. Introductions: Rob Price, Vice Chair
Ellen Wilson, Secretary
Jim Bakker, Coordinator
Richard Peck, Market Vendors
Judy Smith, Treasurer
Dawn Todd
Harry Todd
Jim Murray
Shelby Neuman Kramp
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Jim Bakker and seconded by Shelby Kramp that the agenda be approved. Carried.
4. Minutes of the April 15th, 2008. Moved by Jim Bakker and seconded by Judy Smith that the minutes be approved as written. Carried.
5. Business arising from minutes. None.
6. Correspondence: i. E-Mail from HRSDC (Gov't of Can.) about the availability of a workshop concerning essential skills for employers. ii. Letter from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce informing us of a change of carrier for their insurance programme. The range of provided services will be expanded.
7. Business arising from Correspondence. I. Jim Bakker will take the offer from HRSDC under consideration for the subject of a seminar at a later date. ii. Judy Smith has the information about the increase insurance services available through the Chamber. Contact her for more information.
8. Financial report: Bank Account \$7052.73 (\$1799.00 – Hastings County Project, \$1799.00 - Mainstreet Banners, \$526.83). There are 77 paid Chamber members. Motion made by Ellen Wilson & seconded by Jim Bakker to reimburse Rob Price, upon receipt of invoice, for tape purchased for the DUCT TAPE CONTEST at the Market Square. (approx. \$200.00). Motion carried.
9. Old Business: I. Hastings County Project for Signs & Benches – This project is almost completed. Remaining funds will be used to refurbish the benches in the downtown area. ii. Event Status Reports - Madoc Canadian Heritage Music & Arts Festival, July 3-6. Despite being well laid out and planned, the event did not draw the expected crowds. The committee will meet soon to evaluate the results and plan for next year's event. Monkfest, May 24th & the Video Dance held by the Canada Day Committee. This weekend event was not financially successful, either. iii. Market Vendors Association and Canada Day Fireworks Committee Updates – The problem of litter and vandalism in the Market Square area was discussed. The Canada Day Committee report is to be available soon.
10. New Business: i. Madoc Remote Control Car Club. This group, headed by Jim Murray and Richard Peck, has requested permission to use the Market Square one evening a week to stage events and swap meets. The group has asked about

insurance coverage through the Chamber and it was decided to ask Connie Robinson of McDougall Insurance to attend the next meeting in August to clarify what events the Chamber's insurance will cover. ii. Recognition of downtown business support for the Medical Centre. The Tri-area Medical Board Fundraising Committee suggested that the profile of the Madoc businesses supporting the new Medical Centre be raised. A sign will be posted at the four corners in Madoc declaring the support of the business as well as a weekend event that will be scheduled for the Labour Day weekend. That weekend, paper lab coats and lapel pins will be distributed so all businesses and their employees will be able to show their involvement in the fundraising process. iii. Status of Mainstreet Initiative. Different tasks are being undertaken at this time. Richard Peck is working on a flier stressing the eco-friendly construction that is taking place in this area. Different flowers and flags for the downtown area are being looked at and the benches will be refurbished. Shelby Kramp has been investigating the possible of a compass rose design for the four corners, but has come to the conclusion that this will be cost prohibitive.

11. Next Meeting – August 19th, 2008 7:30. p.m. at the Madoc Public Library and Cultural Centre,
12. Meeting Adjourned.