

Minutes of the Madoc & District Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday, August 9th, 2011

Madoc Public Library and Cultural Centre

1. Call to order by Rob Price, Chair
2. Introductions: Rob Price, Chair`
Jim Bakker, Coordinator
Ellen Wilson, Secretary
Robin Carscadden
Tom Deline
Tom Simpson, Deputy Reeve
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Tom Deline and seconded by Jim Bakker that the agenda be approved. Carried.
4. Minutes of the June 14th, 2011 meeting. Moved by Ellen Wilson and seconded by Robin Carscadden that the minutes be approved. Carried.
5. Business arising from minutes. None.
6. Correspondence:
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 - i. A letter was received from the Township of Madoc requesting that any events scheduled for the township be checked for compliance with existing by-laws and zoning.
 - ii. The Chamber supplied a letter of support to the Fair Board in their request to have zoning changed at the fair grounds to accommodate motocross races.
 - iii. Letter from the Munic. Of Centre Hastings notifying us of a change of 911address for the basement of the library. It is now 20B Davidson Street.
8. Business arising from correspondence: none
9. Financial report: Not available
10. Old Business:
 - i. Thursday Market Update (Cliff Andrews): not available.
 - ii. Madoc Market Vendors (Saturday Market) updates – Robin Carscadden: There are no vendor vacancies under the roof at the market and the added canopies on the outside seem to be drawing attention. A guest book has been added in the food area for visitors' comments
 - iii. RTO Region 11 (OHTO) Updates – Jim Bakker: A report from the General Manager of OHTO has been circulated. Efforts are being made to support DMO's local advertising and the development of tourism packages is a focal point for the group. A facilitator will be hired to help train business owners in the concept of developing tourism packages. The programme for geological tourism is being worked on as well.
 - iii. Service Excellence Celebration: This is a partnership of CFDC Bancroft, EMC Publications and ComfortCountry. It is a contest designed to solicit comments from clients or customers of ComfortCountry businesses describing how they were received. The main response to date has been from businesses that distributed the information cards describing the contest. The contest closes in early October.

- iv. 2011 Projects completed- Jim Bakker. Some projects outlined at the June meeting have been completed within budget. This includes some plaques and banners for the users of the Village Square, three popup shelters for the Market and Village Square, and fifteen new lighter weight plastic tables for use in the basement of the library. They are easier for the seniors to use. They old heavier tables are available for a \$10.00 donation which will go to the Madoc Seniors.
- v. Madoc Heritage Music & Arts Festival 2011. Terry and Debbie Richardson will use the funds from past festivals to support “Drum Nation”, September 10, 2011, as a continuation of the Music Festival.
 - ii. New Business: i. Communications with Centre Hastings Council. There was a discussion of some potential problems with the exchange of information between the two groups. Tom Simpson reported on some of the activities of the Economic Development Committee and the Community Improvement Plan Committee. The issue of stoplights at the four corners was discussed no resolution in the foreseeable future. The Economic Development Committee is making arrangements to add new pole-mounted Christmas lights in the downtown core. The minutes of each committee of council will be posted on line at <http://www.centrehastings.com/>

- 11. Next Meeting – September 27th, 7:30. p.m. at the Madoc Public Library and Cultural Centre, lower level.
- 12. Meeting Adjoined.