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Chamber of Commerce Minutes of Meeting September 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. @ Merrickville District Community Health Center

Present: Executive: Karl Feige, David Ellis, Heather Dallaire, Michael Roland, Chris Chinkwisky, Mike Zaversenuke, Volunteer: Wayne Trusty

(1) Call to Order:

Karl Feige called the meeting to order at 5:46 PM.

(2) Minutes of Last Meeting (July 5, and July 17, 2017):

Minutes of July 5 and July 17, 2017 meeting (written by Mike Zaversenuke) were previously reviewed by Email. Motion: David Ellis moved the minutes be accepted with minor change to village sign dimensions from 6' to 8'. Mike Zaversenuke seconded and the motion was approved by all.

(3) Old Business: No outstanding old business to discuss.

(4) New Business: The following items were discussed:

(5) Relationship With Village: Karl Feige updated committee on the informal meeting he had with the mayor discussing Chamber issues. A discussion on what to do about the request for information from the village and the possibility of calling the Ombudsman to resolve our issues was discussed. Mike Zaversenuke offered his opinion that we should drop the issue as no good would come of pursuing this further. The consensus was that the Chamber should not present their grievances at a Council meeting but have a closed meeting with the Mayor and Council to resolve the issues. Wayne mentioned that we should forget the broad issues and concentrate on specific issues like representation on the Economic Development Committee and we should put the request in writing and send it to the Mayor, Council and Econ Dev Committee.

Motion: Mike Zaversenuke motioned that the Chamber should send a formal request in writing to the Mayor and Council requesting Chamber representation on the Economic Development Committee. David Ellis seconded. All in favor.

(6) Bench: Mike Zaversenuke asked Karl when the last 5 benches would be delivered. Karl responded he would determine a date and inform the executive. The Lions request for access to the dedication bench end pieces was discussed. All agreed that it would not be advisable to sell just the end pieces as using any old seating boards would degrade the existing Chamber benches as the public wouldn't know the poorer built benches weren't the Chambers. Karl mentioned that the Post Office wants to replace their existing bench also. It was agreed that Karl and Mike would talk to the Lions and Post Office to discuss bench possibilities.

(7) Adopt a Bench: Mike Zaversenuke mentioned that he sent an Email with a draft Adopt a Bench ownership transfer document to John Regan but hadn't heard anything back yet.

(8) Outstanding Membership Invoices: Mike Zaversenuke stated that there was \$1300 of outstanding invoices to be collected from members. He will hand deliver the invoices for payment.

(9) Chamber Fall Event: A Chamber breakfast event was discussed and rejected. David Ellis suggested we look into getting in a speaker to discuss a topic the Chamber members would be interested in.

(10) Tent Signage: Motion: David Ellis motioned that he would work with Coba Studios on a 2X8 Chamber sign for the Chamber tent. The sign would have the Chamber website “merrickvillechamber.ca” and cost \$150 (max). Mike Z seconded. All in favor.

(11) Financial: Financial revenue status and financial support for village events was postponed. David Ellis was asked to provide financial revenue status for next meeting

(12) Other Business: Harvest Goat Carnival: Chris Chinkwisky discussed the upcoming Harvest Goat Carnival and asked that the Chamber if they would sponsor the event. The Chamber asked Chris to register the event as a Chamber non profit member (\$56.50) and to provide media support on our website and Facebook. Motion: David Ellis proposed a one time payment of \$250 to support the Harvest Goat Carnival (to pay musicians, decorations, etc). Mike Zaversenuke seconded and all agreed.

(13) Other Business: New Chamber website. Chris Chinkwisky stated that the new “merrickvillechamber.ca” website was now operational.

(14) Other Business: Railway bridge “Canada 150” signage. Karl mentioned we had written permission from CP Rail to repaint the 150 logo on the bridge. Chris stated he would go ahead and repaint the logo.

Adjournment:

Next meeting Monday, Oct 2, 2017 at 5:30 PM at Merrickville Community Health Center.

Motion: David Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM, Mike Zaversenuke seconded and all agreed.