

North Dundas Chamber of Commerce
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 18th, 2006 – Country Kitchen Restaurant, Winchester

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Doug Pritchard at 7:35 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Doug Pritchard, Colin Pring, Karen Thompson, Robin Morris, Gib Patterson, John VanBruinessen, Debbie DeCooman, Kim Smith, Ed DeJong

MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the September 20th meeting by Karen Thompson.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bank balance as of Oct 16th, 2006 is \$9,158.36, total income year to date \$9,919.71, total expenses year to date are \$9,989.57. Motioned by Colin Pring that report be accepted, seconded by Kim Smith. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS – Colin Pring advised that the organization for the upcoming meetings is complete. The flyers of the events were delivered via Canada Post to all residence of North Dundas – cost of \$696.12. Notices of the events have been printed in both the Chesterville Record and the Winchester Press. Dates of the events are: Thursday October 19th – Chesterville Legion, Tuesday October 24th – South Mountain Agricultural Hall, Thursday October 26th – Winchester Heritage Centre (Old Town Hall).

NEW BUSINESS

MENTORING: Kim Smith stated that she was in contact with Wendy Chapman, Executive Director of the North Grenville Chamber of Commerce, to exchange ideas for Chamber activities. As well, Doug Pritchard advised that there is a contact person that we can use that is an expert on what grant monies are available to help our organization and how to get those monies. Motioned by John VanBruinessen that these individuals be contacted to see if they can attend a future North Dundas Chamber of Commerce meeting to provide further information/ideas. Doug Pritchard and Kim Smith will look into this.

WELCOME WAGON: Debbie DeCooman, Welcome Wagon representative for the Chesterville area was asking for assistance from the Chamber of Commerce to help promote area businesses with information/donations for the gift baskets that are provided to all new residents moving to our area, as well as new birth arrivals and newly married couples. Motioned by Robin Morris that we offer the two North Dundas Welcome Wagon Representatives access to the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce Stress Cows. These promotional items were purchased in time for distribution during the Agri-Tour and out of the 253 cows purchased, there are 111 remaining for other promotional events. John VanBruinessen seconded the motion. Passed.

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP: Doug Pritchard announced that the Rotary Club is once again promoting the Pride of Workmanship award to employees of North Dundas. Last year the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce provided \$50 gift certificates from local restaurants to the six recipients. Motioned by Colin Pring to provide this year's recipients with one of five \$50 gift certificates donated by Chamber member Gib Patterson. Seconded by Ed DeJong. Passed. Also motioned by Robin Morris to contribute to a maximum of \$250 towards the purchase of individual plaques for each recipient. Seconded by John VanBruinessen. Passed.

SHOP LOCALLY BROCHURES: Bill Smirle displayed a copy of a brochure and a decal used in the Belleville area to promote shopping locally. John VanBruinessen, Robin Morris and Doug Pritchard will inquire into the costs of printing a similar type of brochure and into the cost of ordering decals for future promotion of North Dundas businesses.

NEXT MEETING: An alternative date and time for the next chamber meeting may be announced at a later date depending on arrangements for the mentoring sessions. Otherwise, next meeting is to be held on November 15th, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. at Louis Restaurant in Chesterville.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.