

**BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Tuesday, June 07, 2011 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.**  
**WEBSITE: [www.brucemineschamber.com](http://www.brucemineschamber.com)**  
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**Present:**

Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors  
Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm  
Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures  
Elaine Switzman Algoma District Services Administration Board  
Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique  
Merin Smith  
Lorne Barlow – Barlow Chimney Sweeps  
Lory Patteri – Town Councillor  
Dan Kerr  
Pat Kerr  
Amy Chartrand RMT  
Ted Alleway – Iron Thistle  
Rick O'Hara – Town Councillor

Guests: John Bakker

Regrets: Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse  
Cheryl O'Hara

**Call to Order:** Brian Torrance called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

John Bakker

John is a professional entertainer and is a strong supporter of Canadian Veterans – Vettes for Vets – Corvettes for Veterans has developed into a larger event over the years. John is attempting to bring in well know Canadian Entertainers. The organizers need help in marketing. The goal is to bring 5000 people into town – realistically 1000 can be expected since the arena will hold 800 people. John's labour is all voluntary and is only paid for when he performs like any other performer. Advertising and marketing 5000 in pamphlets + 500 posters. Advertising has to start 6 months for the event. The goal is to bring in various Corvette Clubs + Sailing Enthusiasts. A parade of Veterans and Corvettes is being planned. There will be opportunity for outdoor vendors. The Recreational Committee is committed to this event. The Town is interested.

Brian Torrance reported that Michael Peever is chairing a Town/Township/Chamber advertising committee and has a budget for events such as this.

Anyone interested in supporting this event in any way please contact John Bakker at 705-785-3340 Email: [twodreamers@live.ca](mailto:twodreamers@live.ca)

**Director:**

Motion; Larry Peterson + Lorne Barlow that Marla McPhee be a director of the chamber – Carried.

**Geothermal Energy**

Brian Torrance reported that Peter Spik had attended a chamber meeting some time ago about developing geothermal energy using the abandoned mines in this area. There was a follow up meeting of interested people and municipal representatives.

It was recommended that the Chamber form a joint committee of Chamber/Town/Township to pursue this project. Peter Spik has agreed to chair this committee. A proposed budget is being worked on involving representatives and Dr, Scott from Laurentian University.

East Algoma has set aside \$5,000.00 for this project if it proceeds for purposes of researching and obtaining information.

Similar operations are being used in Timmins – a well established mining community.

Need to collect historical data on the mine shafts + temperature, depth, etc. how the energy would be used. There has already been some research in this possibility in the past.

Efficient energy sources are an important element to attract small and medium size businesses to this community.

Motion : Michael Peever + Pat Kerr that the Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce form a committee to investigate the possibility of geothermal energy recovery from the existing min shafts. The committee Chair to be Peter Spik of Twp. of Plummer Additional. The Chamber Committee members to be Larry Peterson and Brian Torrance. The Town of Bruce Mines Committee member to be Howie Bowes.....carried

Motion : Lorne Barlow + Michael Peever that the Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce a sum up to \$1,150.00 to help fund this preliminary study. This funding to be conditional on the Town of Bruce Mines and Twp. of Plummer Additional funding their portions of the study..... carried

**Past Minutes :**

Motion: Larry Peterson + Dan Kerr moved that the minutes of May 03, 2011 be approved as presented – carried

**Treasurer's Report: -**

Motion – Larry Peterson + Elaine Switzman approved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented. – carried.

**Insurance: - [old report]**

The insurance premium has been paid for the year. There are some questions that need to be answered. The commercial accounts have been transferred to Sault Ste. Marie

**French Fryer: -** Merin Smith reported that the portable shelter was damaged during the winter and 4 canopies have been purchased from Canadian Tire. The freezers have been cleaned out. Fries and other supplies are being purchased for the Cruisin Car Show and other events during the summer. Volunteers will be contacted.

**Canada Day –** Lory Patteri – fireworks budget has been increased. McCort Point is a possible location for the fireworks. Letters have gone out to businesses for financial support. Legion will do the pancake breakfast. The theme is "Building Dreams". The Royal Bank will look after the parade. Fireworks will cost \$4,500.00

Motion: Michael Peever + Lorne Barlow that the sum of \$450.00 be donated to the Canada Day Event.....carried

**Web Site: - (old report)** Pat Peterson reported that Alison Cragg is happy the way all news is being fed to her. Any questions come from Alison to Pat who will find out the answers or clarifications.

Lory Patteri reported that the Town met with George Cragg and authorized him to do the Town website.

**Membership: -** Michael Peever reported that new members are coming in. Mike is following up with people who are interested but not yet joined.

**Four & Friends Art Show & Sale: -** Brian Torrance reported that it is moving along...the weekend of July 9- 10, 2011.

**Bruce Mines and District Historical Society: -** Ron Smith has sent in the following report: The museum has a good list of volunteers who are staffing the place for the month of June. We have interviewed students and once we get some insurance items cleared, and funding finalized we hope to have some students for the summer. 2 possibly 3.

Hours for June --- 10am - 4pm Tuesday through Sat. Sun & Mon 1-4pm.

We will have copies of "The Call of Copper" for sale in the near future. We have given the publisher the approval to go ahead and print. No firm date for arrival on that yet.

**East Algoma Small Business**

On Tuesday, June 21, 2011, Brian Torrance will represent the Chamber at the annual meeting of East Algoma Community Futures Development Corp at Lighthouse Lounge in Bruce Mines.

**Rydal Bank Historical Society:** - no report

**Library – no report**

**Town Improvements** – Lory Patteri reported that there are issues pertaining to new lighting on the south side of the highway.

**Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association:** - no report

**Royal Canadian Legion – no report**

**Lions Club:** - no report

**SnoGlyders – no report**

**Sylvan Circle:** - no report

**Agricultural Society:** - no report

**Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce:** - no report

**Citizen of the Year – no report**

**Community Hall – see above**

**Trade Fair** – Elaine Switzman talked about the debriefing of the event with the participants after the event. There may be more of a business theme to it.

**Joint Advertising Committee - Committee Members** – Michael Peever, Norm Hern, Howie Bowes, Sara Swain.

Michael Peever reported the budget is done about \$1,000.00 for each member. There are enough brochures left over and will not republished for this year.

**Proposed Fred Kent Event – July 2011**

The project appears to be moving ahead.

**Mine Shaft:** - (old report) Lory Patteri reported there has been flooding at the mine shaft. The water shut off valve is in the Medical Centre and was accidentally turned on and all taps in the Mine Shaft were turned on for the winter....

There have been 2 events of vandalism which have to be attended to.

The Town had student interviews for the Marina and the Trailer Park – 5 student positions. Decisions to be made shortly.

**Cruisin Car Show:**

Motion: Lorne Barlow + Michael Peever that the Chamber donate \$300.00 to the Cruisin Car Show – carried.

**Chamber representation at Bruce Mines Council Meetings – no report**

**Chamber representation at Township of Plummer Additional –**

EXCERPTS FROM MUNICIPAL MEETING

PLUMMER ADDITIONAL TWP

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3 **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

a) Algoma Power – Community information meeting  
Tim Lavoie: Regional Manager/Director of Northern Development

- No longer affiliated with Brookfield – Fortis Ontario
- New software package for billing; time of use to customers; what you use every hour of every day; charged for on and off peak.

Peggy Lund: Supervisor Customer Service

- Smart meters: most of service area can now be read remotely; metres are 95% installed; can see voltage from different ends if people have a problem;
- A. Hornett will contact Algoma Power re personal power issues

- Area Events calendar to forward to Algoma Power so they can plan their outages in the area

Dan Richards: Supervisor Distribution Engineering

- P.Spik: discussed the possibility of utilizing abandoned mines for thermal energy; possible economic development tool; Feasibility study –canvassing for money; green project;

**MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORTS ~ 6:35 pm**

5 Roads Working Foreman ~ Kelly Belisle-Greer

a) Report Feb 27 – Apr 9, 2011

- Mayor West; questioned Roads Crew working in the Town of Bruce Mines with all the projects that need completing in the Twsp.
- KBG: Our equipment is not loaned out, it goes out with our operator; Town is charged back for the work; if they have an emergency and need help (i.e. steaming culverts to prevent flooding) and we are able to help, we do; it works both ways for each municipality

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Resln – 2011-96

Beth West

Carl MacKenzie

**WHEREAS** the Township of Plummer Additional wishes to carry out an Economic Development Strategic Plan in partnership with the Municipality of Huron Shores, the Town of Thessalon, Town of Bruce Mines and Johnson Township in order to guide the economic development activities of the community and potentially at the regional level;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Plummer Additional wishes to analyze the viability of specific economic development opportunities in the community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Council of the Township of Plummer Additional supports the application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for funding in the amount of \$50,000 to carry out the East Algoma Economic Development Strategic Plans project. CD

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

11. Health Centre ~ Norman Hern

a) MGP Architect – revised estimate

Resln – 2011-100

Carl MacKenzie Angela Hornett

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council approves the 3 change orders from MGP Architects dated April 8, 2011 for the Health Centre with the understanding that it is still within the previously approved overall budget for the project. CD

e) Legion Letter reviewed supporting the Town of Bruce Mines' application for equipment at the Health Centre; Mayor West noted that any equipment purchased for the centre stays with the clinic.

13. Tri-Neighbours & Waste Management ~ C. MacKenzie

a) Dump Day – spring & fall?

**Resln – 2011-101      Peter Spik      Angela Hornett**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Council approves staff to arrange and advertise for 2 self haul dump day(s) for the year 2011. CD

**Correspondence:** none

**New Business:** none

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday July 05, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

**Executive Meeting – T.B.A.**

**Adjournment:** at 8:55 a.m.