

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, July 05, 2011 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.
WEBSITE: www.brucemineschamber.com
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Present:

- *Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors
- *Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm
- *Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
- *Loralee Gordon – Union Library
- *Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique
- *Merin Smith
- *Lorne Barlow – Barlow Chimney Sweeps
- *Dan Kerr
- *Pat Kerr
- *Ted Alleway – Iron Thistle
- *Carol Gunn – Agricultural Society

Guests:

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.

Past Minutes :

Motion: Noted Amy Chartrand is really Amy Charron.....Motion: Larry Peterson + Dan Kerr moved that the minutes of June 07, 2011 be approved as amended – carried

Treasurer's Report: -

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

Geothermal Energy

Brian Torrance reported East Algoma approved \$3,000.00 (not \$5000.00). A detailed budget has been prepared. It will be important to open up a separate bank account for this project in order to keep all financial records separate with money from the Town, Township, Chamber, East Algoma, etc.

Motion: Michael Peever + Lorne Barlow that the Chamber sign the contract of \$9,150.00 with Professor Scott. - carried

Motion: Michael Peever + Ted Alleway that the Chamber open up a separate chequing account to record all financial activities - 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 6.5 hrs was spent manning the French Friers on Canada Day. Everything is ready for the next event being the Fall Fair. The Canopies may be available for rental.

Canada Day – the event went very well and was well attended. Congratulations to go to Lory Patteri who took on this project.

Web Site: - no report

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. They need 2 greeters for Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Doug Bradford has done a painting of the late John Keast which will be present + the handout will feature John.

Bruce Mines and District Historical Society: On Wed. July 06, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. the Bruce Mines Historical Society will be launching the republication of the *Call of Copper* at the Union Library.

East Algoma Small Business – no report

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - no report

Library – Lorelee Gordon, Librarian, reported that the Library has hired 4 students

Tues July 12, 2011 to Thurs. Aug. 18, 2011 – Cool Kids Camp – Union Library, Bruce Mines every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – ages 5 – 12 - \$4.00 per day – info call 705-785-3370

Thurs. Aug. 11, 2011 – Teddy Bear Picnic – 20th anniversary – Union Library is inviting all who attended this event over the years to come back and reminisce. Enjoy

activities including the teddy bear clinic, the fish pond, face painting and of course cake eating !!! - info call 705-785-3370

Town Improvements – no report

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: - no report

Royal Canadian Legion – no report

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - no report

Agricultural Society: - Carol Gunn reported that the Agricultural Society sent out fliers to the surrounding schools setting out all of the childrens activities to encourage children participation.

On the Chamber website there is no mention of the Fall Fair which is to take place on September 09, 10, and 11, 2011.

Welcoming New Members & Promoting Members:- Pat Kerr will look into this

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: - no report

Citizen of the Year – no report

Community Hall – no report

Trade Fair – (old report) 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. Advertising in Algoma Kinnewabi, Welcome Book and Snowmachine Book will continue. It is important that information on the Marina be updated.

Motion: Michael Peever + Carol Gunn that the Chamber pay the sum of \$1,000.00 on the condition that contributions are made from both municipalities – carried.

Since there is funding coming from various sources, it is recommended that the Chamber open a separate account.

Motion: Patricia Kerr + Lorne Barlow that a separate chequing account be set up for the advertising committee....carried

Michael Peever commended on the efforts of Pat Peterson getting information on the business in the local media....the report on geocaching recently published in the Sault Star.

Journey of Love: - (this report was sent in after the meeting)

Plans are proceeding for "The Journey of Love" scheduled for Nov. 24, 25, and 26th 2011. Most parts are now filled but extras and the following roles are still needed:

shepherds, beggars, parking, guides, King Herod and one Joseph. Also needed is one soloist or small musical group to perform during the main choir's intermissions. Interested applicants should contact Elzine Shuttleworth at 705-785-3867 or email Pat Kerr at kerrpad@sympatico.ca The next meeting is September 20, 2011 at 7pm at the Bruce Mines Hall. The committee wishes to thank all the volunteers and those who have and are making the many donations of animals, straw, labour, signs, posters, and materials.

Proposed Fred Kent Event – July 2011

The project appears to be moving ahead. Tickets are available at M & J Hair Boutique.

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.

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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Minutes May 18, 2011

Regular COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**
Resln 2011-120 Angela Hornett Peter Spik

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional approves the Addendum to Agenda as follows:

- a) Pulverizing Tender Results [item 5b]
- b) CBO Budget #2 (revised) 2011 [item 6a]
- c) **Geo Thermal Energy Recovery Feasibility Assessment [item 20a]**
- d) Health Centre Financials [item 21d]
- e) Health Centre payment Certificate #3 to Cantech [item 21e]
- f) **Bell Canada – Trees on line survey [item 7d] CD**

7. **Trees on Bell Lines – who is responsible to remove them?**

- When it is reported to Bell Canada that a tree is on their lines Bell Canada has informed ratepayers “that it is the Municipalities responsibility to remove it; there is an agreement.”
- Clerk provided survey results from Area municipalities & a response from Algoma Insurance;
- To the Insurer’s knowledge, no municipality has a formal agreement with Bell for removal of trees
- Concern noted about liability should the removal of the tree damage the Bell line
- Council consensus to send out our Road crew if the tree is on the road and a matter

- of public safety
- Clerk to send a letter to Bell Canada to request clarification in writing

12. Resln 2011-124 Angela Hornett Norman Hern

WHEREAS the Algoma District School Board has released a Director's Bulletin (Apr 20, 2011) regarding the Accommodation Review of various schools; and

WHEREAS the 2 Buildings at Arthur Henderson Public School are currently being confirmed with the Ministry of Education to determine their Prohibitive to repair status; and

WHEREAS if it is determined that they are prohibitive to repair, the possibility exists for the application to be made for funding the construction of new a new school to replace the existing facility; and

Whereas AHPS could also be placed on review status with the following recommendation; consolidation of schools, building of a new school, and or renovations/additions and possibly the closure of the school; and

WHEREAS the school is a vital part of the community of Plummer Additional, Bruce Mines and surrounding areas;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Township of Plummer Additional works with the Town of Bruce Mines to lobby the Algoma District School Board to keep Arthur Henderson School open. CD

- Staff to copy to School Board, Arthur Henderson School, Town of Bruce Mines and local Chamber of Commerce.

20. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Geo Thermal Energy Recovery Feasibility Study**

- City of Timmins has done a similar feasibility study; available to council for review

Resln 2011-127 Peter Spik Angela Hornett

WHEREAS the potential for geothermal energy recovery from Bruce Mines & Plummer Additional area may exist;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports a preliminary feasibility assessment jointly with the Town of Bruce Mines; Area Chamber of commerce; and the East Algoma Community Futures Development Corporation to hire Andrew Hall and Dr. Ashley Scott to conduct this study beginning June 20th and ending September 2nd, 2011. Total shared amount of this study not to exceed \$11,150. CD

Town and Twsp maximum contribution is \$2500 each

22. **BY-LAWS:**

a) Appointment Amendment: Dan Kerr – Tri Neighbours
Resln 2011-139 Angela Hornett Peter Spik

BE IT RESOLVED THAT This Council gives three readings to by-law #2011-24 being a by-law to amend the Appointment By-law to include Dan Kerr as the Tri-Neighbours representative. CD

24 **MEMBERS REPORT(on items other than listed above): (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Mayor West:

- Penokeon Hills Farms– looking for letters of support for their application to the Ontario Market Investment Fund.
- Council noted support of area farms and the beef industry as a whole, but noted apprehension of supporting a private business vs. other private businesses; it was indicated that Penokeon Hills' application would probably be approved without the Council's endorsement.

Correspondence: a thank note was received from Marla McPhee for the recognition of her being in business for 25 years.

New Business: none

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 02, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 8:55 a.m.