

BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tuesday, Oct. 04, 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
Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse
Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures
Lory Patteri – Town Councillor
Arlene Romberg - The Chip Wagon
George Cragg- Copper Bay Web Design
Alison Cragg – Copper Bay Web Design
Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique

Guests: Peter Spik

Regrets: Dan & Pat Kerr

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

Guest Presentation – Peter Spik

The East Algoma Strategic Project – the 5 communities – Johnson, Bruce Mines, Plummer Additional, Thessalon, . Huron Shores – consultants have been selected – funding from the Heritage Fund + Fed Nor + municipalities. Consulting group is meeting with the municipal councils – outline + timing, etc. Project to start immediately – completion by March 2012. – community people will be contacted for input. The consultants have been requested to tie communities together with mutual interests. WCM Consulting + Triple M Consulting Group.

WCM Consulting have worked with East Algoma in the past.
Bruce Mines public meeting set for October 24th

Plummer Council approved a Seed Oil Processing Plant in Bruce Station – plant to have about 5 employees – cost of the plant \$1 million. Zoning changes have been approved. The road extension will be put in + brought up to standards and turned over to the municipality. It should help our local farmers to raise canola and have it processed locally.

Banking Authorizations:

Moved Pat Peterson + Alison Cragg that any 2 of Brian Torrance, Larry Peterson, Darren Foster, Marla McPhee be authorized to sign any and all cheques for the Chamber of Commerce.- carried

Past Minutes :

Motion: Larry Peterson + Mike Peever moved that the minutes of Sept. 06, 2011 be approved as presented – carried

Treasurer's Report: -

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

Motion: Marla McPhee + George Cragg that we renew our member with the Sault Ste Marie Chamber of Commerce and the payment of \$128.82 for 2012. - carried

Geothermal Energy

Peter Spil reported that Dr. Scott – the lead in the study – has visited the area 3 - 4 times – they have reviewed all printed material on the mines available – they met with Ted Leahy who is very knowledgeable in the local mines – they visited the mine sites on a couple of occasions. One problem is that the mine sites are capped off and they need to open the mines to send down sensors to determine the depth of the various shafts. They need to have the mines uncapped. A report is expected within the month.

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: -

Lory Patteri reported that the French fry projects did well for this year. There were some changes made to direct the flow of traffic.

Canada Day – no report.

Web Site:

Alison Cragg reported that the website will be updated by the end of October.

Brian gave words of appreciation for the work done by George and Alison on the website. The Craggs can link to website of people and businesses who are working on local projects. The website gets between 200 – 500 hits a month.

Cost on the basic website – very simple – budget between \$200 - \$300 + registrations costs with hosting sites and domain registrations.

Membership: - Michael Peever reported that there are membership dues still coming. Mike is reviewing the unpaid members and encourage their payment. Brian Torrance will also approach some others.

Four & Friends Art Show & Sale:

- Brian Torrance reported that the final report is in.
It was a good show but it created a loss of \$274.13 The sales were down to sales of \$12,404.87.....in 2008 there were sales of \$22,352.25
The local construction + MTO removing the signs did not help the sale

East Algoma Small Business –

Bruce Mines Historical Society: - no report

Rydal Bank Historical Society: - no report

Library – no report

Town Improvements – Lory Patteri – no decision made on the “bump out” on the north side. The work in front of the Bavarian will proceed according to the plans.

Royal Canadian Legion – no report

Lions Club: - no report

SnoGlyders – no report

Sylvan Circle: - it appears to be successful

Agricultural Society: - no report

Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce: - no report

Citizen of the Year – Larry Peterson is open to receiving suggestions for Citizen of the Year 2012. It appears that the Community Hall will be not available in February. As an alternative the Bruce Station Hall would be considered.

Community Hall – the foundation has been approved – very well built. There are legislative changes – due to the square footage – washrooms have to be enlarged.

Trade Fair – no report

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

Mike Peever reported that a meeting is being scheduled soon. The Algoma Kinnewabi 2012 is underway – the Town has approved the funding.

George Cragg reported that the page has been completed the design for the advertising.

Peter Spik reported that the Township was expecting a marketing plan which would include advertising. Advertising appeared to be a sole project.

Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association: -

There is the annual meeting on Oct. 14, 2011 – there is an invitation for someone to attend on behalf of the Chamber. Pat Peterson is already a Director with AKTA and plans to attend the meetings.

Journey of Love: - (old report)

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.

Simpson Mine Shaft: - Lori Patteri reported that Henry Pieters will do repairs at the mine shaft after the marina shuts down.

Chamber representation at Township of Plummer Additional – to be attached

EXCERPTS FROM MUNICIPAL MEETING

PLUMMER ADDITIONAL TWP

20Jul2011

The Corporation of The Township of Plummer Additional

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Minutes July 20, 2011

Regular COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Call to Order Regular Council meeting

6:30 pm

Present: Council: Mayor~ Beth West, Councillors ~ Norman Hern, Angela Hornett, Carl MacKenzie

Absent: Peter Spik

Staff: Deputy Clerk ~ Gina Marie Wilson, RWF Kelly Belisle-Greer:

Observers: John Bakker

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- a) John Bakker – Vettes for Vets Festival
- J. Bakker is working with the local Legion to host a weekend festival in 2012 to raise funds for veterans that are homeless and needing medical attention not covered by OHIP
 - The festival would involve performances of “Legends of Country” performers, top Canadian country/folk stars, a parade of Corvettes and Veterans from across North America, a Corvette show on the Agricultural Ground, an amateur country music talent show, a non-denominational gospel service on the Sunday
 - Mr. Bakker is chairman of the committee that will be running this event; all profits will go in the “Vettes for Vets” fund being administered by the Legion
 - Mayor West: thanked Mr. Bakker for his presentation and forethought; council will offer a letter of support for Mr. Bakker’s project

23. Rsln 2011-171 Norman Hern Angela Hornett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council petition the legislative assembly of Ontario to request the Minister of Health to direct the Ontario Public Health system and OHIP to include all

currently available and scientifically verified tests for Acute and Chronic Lyme diagnosis to do every thing necessary to create public awareness of Lyme Disease In Ontario and to have internationally developed diagnosis and successful treatment protocols available to patients and physicians. CD

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17Aug2011

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Minutes August 17, 2011

Regular COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Call to Order Regular Council meeting

6:35 pm

Present: Council: Mayor~ Beth West,

Councillors ~ Norman Hern, Angela Hornett, Carl MacKenzie, Peter Spik

Staff: Deputy Clerk ~ Gina Marie Wilson, RWF~ Kelly Belisle-Greer, CBO ~ Lennie Smith

Presenters: Alex Gamelin, Mark Lumme

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

Resln 2011-174 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: CD

- a) Public Presentation – Mark Lumme – Consent Application details (3b)
- b) Equipment Maintenance – Truck #7 – hinge block & slide mechanism; quote from Strongco (5i)
- c) FYI – resolution from the Town of Bruce Mines – CBO temporary assistant (6c)
- d) Recreation Minutes – July 28, 2011 (12e)

- e) FYI – Resolution from the Town of Bruce Mines – New Lawn Tractor for Recreation (12f)
- f) FYI – Safety Meeting – New grass chute for mower
- g) FYI – Resolution from the Town of Bruce Mines – Contact North (20b)
- h) By-Law - accepting CUPE agreement (22b)
- i) Letter of Support – Funding for Resurfacing of Thessalon Municipal Airport (23 b)

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST none**

3. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

- a) Alec Gamelin – heating issues for Township Office.
 - It is recommended to dedicate the current furnace to the downstairs spaces with a second separate furnace for the offices.
 - Estimated base costs to correct the situation are in the range of \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00, including the new furnace.
 - Any carpentry work will be extra.
- b) Mark Lumme – Consent Application details
 - Mr. Lumme attended this council meeting to clarify details of conditions regarding his Consent Application for Severance, application number B03/2010.
 - CBO Lennie Smith addressed the well-drilling concern. Conversation with Glenn Tunnock of Tunnock Consulting Ltd. indicated that water may be obtained directly from the lake as long as sufficient water quantity and quality requirements were met. Local best-practice strategies would be sufficient to meet the terms of the consent application.
 - RWF Kelly Belisle-Greer will work directly with Mr. Lumme to address his concerns regarding the cul-de-sac requirements
 - Water-front issues would have be taken to the MNR by Mr. Lumme.
 - On-going concerns about the consent application will be dealt directly with CBO Lennie Smith by Mr. Lumme.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS** (rsln)

- a) July 20, 2011 (Regular Council Mtg) not in package – to be presented at the Council Meeting September 21, 2011.

REPORTS:

MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORTS ~ 7:30 – 7:45 pm

- 5. Roads Working Foreman ~ Kelly Belisle-Greer
 - a) Report
 - b) Clark's Bridge Report
 - The inspection of the bridge scheduled to take place before this evening's council meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.
 - RWF Kelly Belisle-Greer stressed the need for council to decide on either repairing or decommissioning this bridge due to continuing deterioration especially with the severe weather conditions of this spring and summer.
 - council directed the RWF to post the necessary signage to close the bridge immediately
 - Council asked staff to pursue legal advice for best practice for permanent closure of the

bridge.

- Staff will inform the SnoGlyders of the bridge closure.

20. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Contact North – use of Arena for permanent set up (P. Spik)

- as of January 1, 2012 the Bruce Mines Hall will be decommissioned and Contact North would like to use the coach's room for a permanent set-up of 2 computer stations

Resln 2011-182 Carl MacKenzie Angela Hornett

WHEREAS the decommissioning of the Bruce Mines Hall has resulted in Contact North not having a base in the area;

WHEREAS there is space in the Centennial Arena, formerly used for minor hockey;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves the use of the room at Arena formerly used for minor hockey to be a permanent base for Contact North, at no cost or revenue to the township. CD

a) FYI – Resolution from the Town of Bruce Mines – Contact North

- Resolution 2011-192 from the Town of Bruce Mines approving the use of a room at the arena for Contact North.

Resln 2011-186 Angela Hornett Carl MacKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council agrees to send a letter of support for funding that would assist the Town of Thessalon to resurface the Thessalon Municipal Airport. CD

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

- P. Spik reported that Dr. Ashley Scott from Laurentian University has begun his work on the Geothermal Study for Bruce Mines and Area

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24Aug2011

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Minutes August 24, 2011

Special COUNCIL MEETING

Roads: Sno Glyders: Recreation

Council Chambers

Present: Council: Mayor~ Beth West, Councillors ~ Peter Spik, Norman Hern

Staff: Clerk~ Vicky Goertzen-Cooke; RWF~ Kelly Belisle-Greer

Presenters: Bruce McNeely & Clayton Jeffrey (Sno Glyders)

Call to Order

6:30 pm

6. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

Resln – 2011-191 Peter Spik

Norman Hern

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

- a) Grader Training
- b) M. Thompson – Engineer’s comments re: Clark’s Bridge

7. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor West: An Engineering Bridge inspection in 2010 revealed a lot of work was required for Clark’s bridge; seasonal road, not a lot of traffic and alternate routes are available; have estimates of \$15,000 for an Engineer’s & required environmental study prior to any work plus and an additional \$150,000 to rehabilitate it or \$800,000 to replace it; decision at the last council meeting was to close the bridge until further notice. Estimate for closing and removal is \$30,000- \$50,000.

- a) Snow Glyders; Bruce McNeely & Clayton Jeffrey
 - Clark’s bridge is a main thoroughfare for their trails
 - Propose to put up gates restricting traffic and request that the load

restriction be downgraded to from 9 tonnes to 5 tons and open for snow machine traffic (& their groomer).

- Restrictions are in place from the ministry as far as working around/in water beyond September;
- The Sno Glyders are willing to put in an application to the OFSC (Ontario Federation of Snowmobilers Club for a re-habilitation of the bridge for next year, but only for a 5 ton load; cars, trucks etc would not be able to cross it.
- The OFSC has similar partnerships in the French River and Iron Bridge area with a 50/50 ownership
- Local club operational budget is \$37,000 annually; request that if a partnership is formed where the OFSC re-habilitates the bridge could the municipality endorse assistance with fuel purchase for the snow groomer (approx \$4,000/ year) for a few years and/or
- In Elliott Lake – the clubhouse was assessment rating was changed from commercial to residential – would that be an option here to help with operation costs?
- Snow mobiling brings in 4.5 Million dollars a year into Ontario in tourism.
- Noted summer use as well: a lot of biking/walking trails: staging at the East Line Tri-Neighbours dump area; a lot of signage and cleared trails for walking, biking etc.; in the Town of Bruce Mines from Bruce Bay Road; Old Gift Shop; Pilgrim Street to Hwy 638.
- Trails from Echo Bay to Aubrey Falls to Dubriville, many combinations of trails for use
- Trying to secure loads of fill to smooth out trails
- Some possible ideas: Working on ski trails; possible bike club for trails; ATV, motorbike club joint with snow machine
- September 10, 2011 – information night; recruitment of new members needed to sustain the club

Staff to investigate:

- Legal, Insurance, MMAH re: Stop up and Close
- Roads: Turn around for Twsp equipment; land access for ratepayers in that section
- Engineer: Kresin – can the bridge be safely downgraded to 5 tons as is and restricted to snow machine use this year or does it require a load study?

Ungated Tourist Attraction:

Marla McPhee met with Ted Alleway, Merin Smith and have agreed on a site for the sculpture.

Business of the Month

Dan Kerr, Pat Kerr and Lorelee Gordon are promoting Iron Thistle which is on display at the Library for October. They are planning to honour Barlow's Chimney Sweeps. Kerrs are doing an excellent – the business being honoured should have the final say on the final product. The question is wondering if there will be a write up in the local newspaper.

New Business:

Algoma Power Breakfast:

Larry Peterson is encouraging all business who use electricity to sign up for the Algoma Power Breakfast set for Wed. Oct. 19, 2011 at Lighthouse Lounge...this will be a very important meeting

Christmas Mix & Mingle need to be organized.

Correspondence: none

New Business: none

Next Meeting: Tuesday Nov. 01, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

Executive Meeting – T.B.A.

Adjournment: at 8:55 a.m.