

**BRUCE MINES AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Tuesday, May 06, 2013 – UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY – 8:00 A.M.**  
**WEBSITE: [www.brucemineschamber.com](http://www.brucemineschamber.com)**  
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**Present:**

Michael Peever – Mae-Ger Treasures  
Brian Torrance – Torrance Custom Interiors  
Larry Peterson – Peterson & Peterson Law Firm  
Sandy Ubohy - ADSAB  
Laurie Mortimore – ADSAB  
Arlene Romberg – The Chip Wagon  
Marla McPhee – M & J Hair Boutique  
Glen MacKenzie – MacKenzie's Sports Cards  
Carrie Ibbitson – Royal Bank of Canada  
Rick O'Hara – Town Councillor  
Linda Samuels - Tippy Canoe

**Guests:**

**Regrets:**        \*Lory Patteri - Town Mayor  
                      Connie Bennett – Bruce Mines & District Historical Society.  
                      \*Pat Peterson – Bruce Bay Cottages & Lighthouse

**Call to Order:**

Michael Peever called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Past Minutes :**

Motion: Larry Peterson + Sandy Ubony moved that the minutes of Tues. April 02, 2013 be approved – carried

**Treasurer's Report: -**

Motion Larry Peterson + Marla McPhee moved that the Treasurers report be approved as presented – carried

**Geothermal Energy** - no report

**French Fryer:** - Mike Peever hopes there are 2 ladies willing to take on the chair of this project. Larry Peterson reported that AHU applications will be submitted for Classic Car Show and Fall Fair. Canada Day will be done later once the dates and events are finalized

**Web Site:** - Arlene Romberg has been keeping George Cragg updated on new members.

**Membership** – Arlene Romberg reported that memberships are continuing to come in.

**Four & Friends Art Show & Sale:** - Brian Torrance reported the web information is being updated. Photos and a brief write up on individual artists will go up on the web.

**Ungated Tourist Attraction: (Copper Miner Statue)** – Larry Peterson reported it is in the hands of the lawyers.

**Simpson Mine Shaft: Lory Patteri sent in the following report;**

Henry and I did a site tour this past week and am happy to report that there was no vandalism of any kind that we could see. A few boards and railing needs to be either repaired or replaced on the boardwalk prior to opening and we are also planning to have the new whim reinforced a little bit for added safety.

One student has been hired to date with a second one still pending. There is some basic maintenance work to be done throughout the summer.

**Bruce Mines Historical Society:** - Connie Bennett sent in the following report:

The Annual General Membership meeting was held on April 9 , 2013 at the Bruce Mines & Plummer Additional Public Library with 11 people in attendance. The following directors were acclaimed for 2013 – Ron Smith – Connie Bennett – Larry Peterson

– Jean Kettles – Jane Smith

Connie gave a presentation on the development of the Mine Trail. Pat Peterson was thanked for her vision and hard work on this project. The signs are now ready to install as soon as weather permits.

Jane Smith informed all those in attendance of the work to be done to refurbish the Archival Room located in the Museum. The ultimate goal is to digitize all the information held there. She now has a computer program that will allow the input of all the assessment records and archival material.

There is a need for volunteers to help sort and organize this material. A grant to help with the cost of shelving and cupboards has been applied for but definite word has not been received.

Racoons and pigeons in the Tower of the Museum has been an ongoing problem over the years . The cost of hiring professional pest control is beyond the financial means of the Historical Society so Larry and Ron will attempt to rid the Museum of these pests.

The Historical Society is gathering donations for the Gigantic Yard Sale on May 11 . We will be located down town and will have Museum books and memberships available for sale as well as yard sale items. If you have items to donate you may bring them Saturday morning or phone Connie (785-3508) for pick up.

There will be a training and orientation gathering at the Museum on May 23 at 11:00 am for volunteers conducting Museum tours. Schedules for the month of June will be finalized.

The Museum will be open on Saturday June 1 – hours 10am – 4pm – seven days a week . Grants to hire students have been applied for but word has not yet been received as to our success.

Student applications are being received.

Fund raising events for the summer are in the planning stages .

Pat Kerr is submitting an article on the Museum so watch the papers for this!!

**Rydal Bank Historical Society:** - Jean Hershey sent in the following report.

Sunday, June 2 is the date of the Rydal Bank Historical Society Annual Meeting. The public is invited. The business meeting and Historical Topic begin at 4:00pm at the Rydal Bank Community Hall. The meeting will be followed by a Potluck Supper beginning at 5:30. The Rydal Bank Church Service will be held on June 2 beginning at 7:00. The public is invited.

The Rydal Bank Historical Society annual highway cleanup will take place on Sunday May 26. Every interested in helping is asked to meet at the Rydal Bank Community Hall at 1:00pm.

**Library** – Crystal Reader has been named interim CEO for the time being.

**Royal Canadian Legion** – it is reported that the Legion will have Mothers Day Luncheon on Sat. May 11, 2013 at the Legion Hall.

**Lions Club:** - no report

**SnoGlyders** – no report

**Sylvan Circle:** - no report

**Agricultural Society:** - a note was received from the Agricultural Society seeking support from the Chamber.

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

**Trade Fair** – has been cancelled for 2013.

**Joint Advertising Committee** - Arlene Romberg says the brochure is at the printers right now. The brochures had numerous corrections including errors sent in by the actual contributors.

**Algoma Kinnewabi Tourist Association:** - Pat Peterson (AKTA Director) sent in a report that the new Algoma Outdoors book will be distributed soon. The new Meridain Booking system will also be activated soon as well.

**North Channel Marina Association:** - Pat Peterson sent in the following report:

- Tours listed on Meridian will be too labour intensive and costly so A Tour Tab has been added to the home page of Chamber web site .
- The first tour “Copper Town Tour has been added.
- A farming tour thanks to Glen Ansell is the process of being mapped and will be added shortly.
- A cemetery tour is also in the process of being created along with an Artisan Tour.
- These tours are all self guided from the information that will be available on the web site. If you arrive by boat and stay at the marina Bill Brunton has been contacted and will be a Tour Chauffeur. He must be contacted for pricing depending on where the tourists would like to be taken.

Arlene would like a handout to give to people who show up at the chip wagon wanting to know what to do in town. Glen Ansell is working with Pat on this.

**Healthy Communities** – no report

**North Channel Geocache Event** – old report

Pat Peterson reported that a meeting is being planned for later this month.

**Mine Trail Development.**

Pat Peterson sent in a report stating that the signs for identifying the mines have arrived and will be erected shortly.

**Correspondence:** none

**Community Hall** - Lory Patteri sent in the following report:

Four tenders were received and are now in the hands of the engineers who are doing a comparison and ensuring that all tenders have bid on the same scope of work.

**Mix and Mingle** – (old Report) Larry Peterson reported that he had received a couple of inquiries from Chamber members who are not able to attend meetings but who looked forward to the Mix and Mingle event to reacquaint themselves with other Chamber members and supporters.

**Morning meetings** (old report)

Morning meetings are difficult for some people to attend and interest has been expressed in holding an occasional evening meeting along the line of "After 5". Brian asked Mike Peever to look into this and report back to the January meeting to see if there is interest and if it would be viable.

**Tourist Information Centre** (old report)

Larry Peterson reported that Glan Ansell is collecting and compiling local information to give out to visitors.

**Town Garage Sale**

The Town Garage sale is set for Saturday May 11, 2013. There are 20 tables rented for downtown, 10-12 tables rented at the arena. Breakfast Program will be selling donut holes as a fund raiser. Starts at 9:00 a.m. and Mike is getting calls from vendors from Sudbury, Espanola, Elliot Lake, etc.

**Chamber Facebook**

Michael reported that the Chamber Facebook has taken off faster than expected. Glen MacKenzie is assisting on this project. Glen MacKenzie mentioned about creating a town mascot that can be moved around from location to location to promote that place. Photos of Tippy Canoe had a multitude of hits within minutes after going up.

**Bruce Mines Farmer Market (old report)**

Howie Bowes reported that Desbarats and Spanish have a very successful farmers market. Bruce Mines should seriously consider creating and developing a similar facility.

**School Breakfast program**

35 students eat breakfast at school every day and the program is in desperate need for funding. Michael will put up collection cans for donations. Cheryl Harvey can issue tax receipts. All members are encouraged to donate and support the school breakfast program.

**Town of Bruce Mines – Miscellaneous**

Lory Patteri sent in the following report:

Discussions in progress with regards to replacing shrubs in planters that didn't survive the winter. Also hoping to add additional shrubs and perennial plants that have a bit of colour to them. Will be discussed further during budget deliberations.

A tender has been received and accepted to renovate both the men's and ladies washrooms in the arena. New toilets, sinks, stalls, a vanity and some tiling. Work should commence shortly.

Work has also been completed in the shower building at the marina – new floors, showers, sinks, toilets, etc. The marina office building by the docks was also levelled and it and the pump shed were sided to match the shower building.

I am heading to the FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) conference from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> – leaving right after work today. Premiere Wynne, some of the Ministers and other guest speakers will be in attendance to discuss issues pertaining to the north such as Municipal Connectivity, Building a Sustainable Community, Reducing Costs Through Shared Municipal Services, Accessibility, Housing and Homelessness Plans in Northern Ontario, Low Water Levels and its Impact, just to name a few. I am planning to make some connections that can help us in the future and to bring back pertinent information.

### **ADSAB**

Sandy reported that ADSAB had 6 retirees this year – very busy. Summer jobs for youth program will partner with Sault College for Central Algoma. They are targeting non profit organization – i.e. students for Historical Society – 100% grant. Program is also for small businesses in the area – 8 week program. There is an enhanced employment program being developed. Funding covers \$5.00 per hour – this is open to employees who need assistance. It is a training program.

### **ADSAB Update**

Enhanced Employment Placements is a component of Ontario Works employment assistance program. The program consists of a training contract that is mutually agreed upon by the employer, employee and Ontario Works staff person. Regular monitoring and follow up will be provided to ensure the working relationship between the new employee and employer remains positive as this is an important part of the training process. The goal is to obtain valuable training and skill development. The employer will receive a subsidy of \$5.00/hour. This subsidy is to help offset the cost of hiring and training a new employee. An application is required and approval is based on the employer meeting the criteria of the program. We also have Community Placements that are unpaid community services that provide participants with skills and experience to move into paid employment. Laurie Mortimore is now the contact person for these programs for Central Algoma. If you would like more information about these programs, please contact our office at 705-842-3370.

### **Summer Jobs for Youth 2013**

ADSAB will be partnering again this year with Sault College to deliver the Summer Jobs for Youth (SJFY) Program in the Algoma District. In previous years, this has been a very successful program with many positive outcomes for both youth and employers in our district. ADSAB will be delivering the program in Elliot Lake and Wawa North. Sault College will be delivering the program in SSM, Central Algoma and Blind River. The specific criteria for 2013 has not yet been provided and the focus is to assist non-profit agencies although employers who otherwise would not be able to hire a summer student are also invited to apply. Please keep in mind there is a limited number of applications that will be available for each area. Until the applications are available, interested agencies/employers can contact our office at 705-842-3370. Your information will be forwarded to Sault College who will

invite you to complete an application when they become available to determine if you meet the criteria of the program.

The information for the program in past years has been as follows:

- Eight (8) week program (July and August) with six (6) weeks of employment placement
- Employers receive fully subsidized youth employee(s) for six weeks
- For youth 15 to 18 years and they could not have previously completed the program
- The youth and the employers must meet the criteria of the program

Youth receive one (1) week of pre-employment and one (1) week of post-employment training which includes, (life skills, employability skills, job search techniques, resume writing, goal setting, interview coaching, financial planning, workplace orientation and health and safety)

The objective of the program is to:

1. Provide youth participants with a supported and supervised employment experience.
2. Provide youth participants with an understanding of, and opportunity to, develop positive attitudes, skills and behaviours required for employment.
3. Provide youth participants with a supported transition from the program.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 04, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Library.

**Executive Meeting** – T.B.A.

**Adjournment:** at 9:00 a.m.

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