

North Dundas Chamber of Commerce
Wed. Nov, 2011 – 7:30 pm.
Dillabough Building, Winchester
Minutes taken by Pam Sherrer

Attendance – Pam Sherrer, Owen Short, Louise Arsenault, Ken Arsenault, Danny McMahon, Ann Marie Hodges, Vince Zandbelt, Gary Annable, Sandie Puddephatt, Ed Puddephatt, Ken Boje, Pauline Pratt, Michael Cassell, Kent Raistrick, JN Boyd, Matthew Uhring, Wanda Weebs, Bill Smirle, Rob Hunter, John Polak, Butch Oldford, Kent Young, Chris Hart, John Vanbruinessen, Marieke VanNoppen-Mulligan, Cholly Boland

President Owen Short opened the meeting at 7:30 and thanked Bill Smirle for arranging this meeting. He then welcomed Cholly Boland the new CEO for WDMH.

The board members in attendance were introduced.

Cholly began his talk with some statistics. WDMH patients are made up of 20% from SD, 25% from ND and 20% come from the Ottawa area. A number of the doctors and nurses currently practising at the hospital were trained here. The hospital teaches medical students, nursing and Physio. The University of Ottawa & the Elizabeth Bruyere Hospital will be doing research with WDMH. Early next year Dundas Manor will be integrating and partnering with the hospital. This will allow for computerized patient records to be shared. There will be a new building built next year to provide many community services including, Social Services, CCAC, Public Health Services, Early Years Services and Job zone.

It was then opened for discussion and questions.

There was a concern that there would be three vacant buildings in the community with the building of the new Community Services Building.

The WDMH purchasing policy was discussed. Most supplies are medical and unable to purchase locally, but whenever it is possible they do consider purchasing locally.

The WDMH district is broadening the area to include Greely, and South Ottawa. Anyone coming to the hospital can not be turned away. Fundraising will focus in this broadened area.

Cholly concluded with three important points.

- 1- Wash your hands.
- 2- Get your flu shot
- 3- If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call

Report from Mayor Eric Duncan – Township update –

There is a template available from Rob Hunter on Accessibility Standards. It can be sent out through an email upon request. This includes a check list along with a planning guide.

Eric asked that we check out the Townships' new website and fill out the questionnaire that is on line.

The Budget process will be in January focussing on having tenders sent out early in the year.

Eric then presented a Power Point Presentation – **Bringing back the vision: Skating along the Waterfront.** An exciting winters project for Chesterville.

Proposal for the 2011 Return & Revitalization

1. Committee Established
2. South Nation Conservation will lower the water level
3. The Insurance Company is on board
4. Township has potential partners/funding lined up
5. Staff recommendation for Council approval

Logistics

Township of North Dundas (with assistance from volunteers) will:

- Monitor ice levels
- Implement flag system for open/closed
- Flood the ice (with water from river)
- Use spare zamboni at Chesterville Arena to clean/refresh surface with Twsp staff
- Work with volunteers to clean/monitor conditions
- Budget 2012 will have additional part-time staff in Chesterville to ensure quality of ice

Safety & Insurance Plans

- Signs will be posted detailing acceptable behaviour (i.e. No Alcohol; No horseplay; No hockey during public or open skate; Time when is open/closed. No food/drinks on ice)
- Township staff will have the final call on access to ice (opened/closed). Flags will be posted at both entrances to ice to notify public
- Logs of cleaning/clearing, issues, etc. will be kept

Capital Work

Item

Gazebo on top level of waterfront

Benches

Steps to ice level

Cow matting (for concrete)

Temporary Fencing along waterfront

Christmas Trees along skating route

Wood posts along skating route

Christmas Lights

Barriers along river by bridge

Signage

Banner along lights on bridge

Light at MacEwen's towards river

Presentation from House of Lazarus –

Linking Hands: A voice for poverty reduction in Dundas County.

The House of Lazarus Linking Hands Project is sponsoring a community forum in Dundas County in partnership with our municipal councils, local churches, social service agencies, businesses, and community groups to develop some community based sustainable strategies to make our communities more resilient to increasing rural poverty.

Forum is scheduled for Friday November 18th at Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg, Program "Building a Sustainable Dundas County Community Forum" Cost \$25.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm. by Ed Puddephatt –