

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF NORTH DUNDAS CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE HELD AT COUNTRY KITCHENS RESTAURANT ON DEC 14, 2011

Present: Bill Smirle, Butch Oldford, Gillian Trojan of Oxford Mills, Rob Hunter, Ken Arsenault, John VanBruinessen, Owen Shortt, Sandie & Ed Puddephatt, Colin Pring

Minutes of Nov 14 meeting were only published in last day or so due to problems with new word document. As a result, they were not voted on.

Business arising from previous meeting:

- discussion re Winchester Hospital building new building to house commercial tenants [Job Zone, CCAC, Early Years] & how this would impact private sector
- Possibility of presentation from Hospital Foundation re fund raising at meeting in new year
- Chesterville skating – waterfront project – request for financial support

Treasurers report – motion to accept treasurers report as presented. Proposed Colin Pring seconded Bill Smirle – carried

Membership/registration – report by John VanBruinessen. Invoice to be sent out on line on Jan 2, 2012 re annual membership dues. Follow up in February.

John VanBruinessen suggested that Chamber meetings be restricted to 10 meetings per year rather than current 12 [elimination of July & December meetings]. This would free up extra time for merchants during the summer & Christmas periods. To be discussed in further detail @ AGM

Report by Rob Hunter, Township of North Dundas Development Officer. Would like Chamber to join Township in sponsoring the following:
Networking events – wine/cheese; golf tournament; breakfast meeting [cost to Chamber \$ 2,000]
Joint advertising/marketing [cost to Chamber \$ 1,500]
Moved by Ed Puddephatt that: Chamber partner with Township re advertising & special events as budget allows. Seconded by Bill Smirle. Carried

Rob Hunter provided further update on Township activities:

- Township web site to be upgraded by April 2012
- Duplication of businesses information on Township web site & Chamber web site
- Development Action Plan for next 3 to 5 years to be announced in the spring
- New “gateway” signs to Township to be in place before Christmas [cost to Chamber \$ 2,000]. Further signs to be installed on hiway 1 & 13 in 2012 ?

Discussion regarding lack of suitable seniors housing in Winchester

Parade of Lights – started @ 7PM [rather than 6PM in previous years]- event appeared to be well put together & lots of action downtown

Issues to be discussed re AGM:

- meeting to be held in the evening
- need to change bi-laws – executive restricted to 2 terms
- Council meeting on Jan 10, 2012 ?
- AGM on Jan 18, 2012 ?

Motion to adjourn moved by Sandie Puddephatt seconded by Butch Oldford. carried