

Minutes of Sept 21, 2011 executive meeting held at Garden Villa, Chesterville

Present: Owen Shortt, Peter Van Kessel, Bernard Masse, Ed & Sandie Puddephat, Kent Young, Gilliam Trojan, Anne-Marie Hodgins, Ken & Louise Arsenault, John Van Bruinessen, Laura Fletcher, Heather & Danny McMahon, Colin Pring

Presentation by Friends of the River [Bob Lafontaine] – Chesterville waterfront fair – held on same day as Rodeo – featured ironworks, quilts, model boats. Next year to be held on 2nd week in June

Motion to accept Aug 17, 2011 minutes as posted. Moved by John Van Bruinessen, seconded Heather McMahon – carried

Business arriving from minutes – Roy Glassford will not be able to attend next 3 meetings & Pam Sherrer has agreed to cover secretarial duties for that time

Township advise that 4 new North Dundas signs now ready @ a cost of \$ 3,600 – Chamber had agreed to pick up 50% of cost

Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented. Moved by Colin Pring seconded by John Van Bruinessen – carried

Presentation by Peter Van Kessel & Bernard Masse of the Garden Villa. Project started in 2006 with building construction commencing in 2008- building now fully completed – “5 star hotel” for guests – currently there are 74 rooms with 50% occupancy today. A further 162 room expansion planned in near future. Intention is to eventually hire some 200 local employees. Bernard has met with Mayor Eric Duncan to discuss expansion. Will be joining Chamber of Commerce shortly

Discussion followed as to possibility of new CEO of Winchester Hospital doing presentation to Chamber as to how we can support each other

Discussion followed re new YMCA pool & decision of Eastern Ontario Health Unit to close down local private pools re health regulations

All Candidates debate re Provincial Election @ Winchester Arena on Sept 22, 2011 – 4 candidates to attend, microphones in place, jointly sponsored with Dundas Federation of Agriculture, Bill Smirle to mc

Precision Diesel – grand opening in new location on Dawley Drive on Sept 24 – everybody invited to attend

Next meeting to be held on Oct 19, 2011 @ 7.30AM in North Dundas council chambers
– Joanne McCaslin to give video on Ontario legislation re accessibility

Motion to adjourn moved by John Van Bruinessen seconded Colin Pring - carried