

MINUTES

MARKSTAY-WARREN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

GENERAL MEETING

Monday April 20th, 2009
6:00pm

MARKSTAY-WARREN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
HEAD OFFICE
21 MAIN ST. S., MARKSTAY, ON

1. Opening Remarks By Chair

Interim Chair Doug Reynolds chaired the meeting due to the vacant president position.

2. Roll Call and Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05

President/Chair: Vacant
Vice-Chair: Doug Reynolds
Directors: Kenneth Burns
Keith Keeping – Absent
Kathy Bennett
Daniel Ducharme – Absent
Bob McMurdy

* Kathy Proulx advised that she has changed her surname to Bennett*

Staff: Lorraine Demore, Secretary/CAO
Monica Charron, Intern

3. Welcome our new member Bob McMurdy

#2009-09

Moved By: Kathy Bennett

Seconded by: Ken Burns

That the Board of Directors welcomes newly appointed member Bob McMurdy.

CARRIED

Bob has lived north of Warren for two years and he is the CEO of Mohawk Garnet. He is originally from New Market where he grew up on a farm but he lived south of the boarder for 25 year. He is involved in many activities and sits on many different industrial type boards.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None disclosed.

5. Adoption of Minutes

General Meeting minutes dated March 19th, 2009

#2009-10

Moved by: Kathy Bennett

Seconded by: Ken Burns

That the General Meeting minutes dated March 19th, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Report from Intern

A. Municipal Directory

A new and improved front page was shown to the Board and they accepted this as the front page. It was also suggested that Monica also send letters to businesses in St. Charles, Wahnapiatae and Coniston for advertising in the Municipal Directory due to the slow response from businesses within the community.

B. Visitor's Brochure

The following changes need to be made and when they are complete, Monica can print the brochure for the Municipal Office and welcome bags. Bob McMurdy has many pictures from the Sled Dog Races so a couple pictures will be substituted. Also the wording above the Sled Dog pictures should read "Annual Challenge the Champ Sled Dog Race with Lou Serre" and there will be no text below the pictures.

C. CDC Info Brochure

Two different brochures were given to the Board to decide between. They chose the less informal brochure with the test bubbles. A couple of suggestions were made such as enlarging the bubbles for easier reading and once the changes are made, the brochure can be printed for the office and the welcome bags. Also, the statement "Cultivating the Vision" was accepted as the CDC slogan.

7. Healthcare Fundraiser

The date of Saturday August 29th, 2009 has been confirmed as the date for the proposed multi-use facility fundraiser. The Warren Horse Club and the Agricultural Society is hosting their annual fun day which will bring many people out to the Fairgrounds. The first meeting for the subcommittee will be tentatively held on April 29th at the Municipal Office. The CDC will have representation from Kathy Bennett and Bob McMurdy. The recreation committee will be represented by Kathy Keeping and Richard Simon and Denise Trottier. A call will be made to the President of the Agricultural Society and the Warren Horse Club to see who they would like to have as representation on the Committee. The first meeting will have to deal with how the profit will be split between the different fundraising groups. To get all the groups working together for one main goal, we will need to pool all the profits and split it. This will be the main focus of

our first meeting. If this event is a success, other groups may want to take it over in the following years and turn it into a fundraiser for their own endeavor.

8. Petition to Upgrade Municipal Phone Lines

Many residents have complained of the lack of broadband services to rural communities. Unfortunately, the Council is unable to move forward without a request from rate payers. Kathy Bennett brought this petition forward and would like the CDC to provide funding for the costs of this petition. With an upgraded telephone line, all residents would have access to high-speed internet. The present phone lines could also potentially be a hazard if someone needs to reach 911 and their phone lines are not working. The Municipalities within the Sudbury East region will be approached to join this petition. The more people we have signing the petition, the more pressure we will put on telecommunication companies to upgrade our services. A letter from the Chair of the CDC will be written by Doug to show the CDC's support for this Endeavour. The wording of the petition will have to change slightly to encompass all broadband providers, not just Bell Canada. The phrase "improved access to broadband and phone lines for high-speed data access at an affordable price" needs to be added to the petition.

#2009-12

Carried by: Kathy Bennett

Seconded by: Ken Burns

That the Board of Directors approves a budget of \$100 to approach and petition telecommunication providers to provide reliable, accessible and affordable telephone and broadband services to rural communities.

CARRIED

9. New Business

No new business at this time

10. Adjournment and date of next meeting

#2009-11

Moved by: Kathy Bennett

Seconded by: Ken Burns

That the Markstay-Warren Community Development Corporation adjourned its proceedings at 8:15pm until the next meeting to be confirmed by email.

CARRIED

Doug Reynolds – Vice Chair

Lorraine Demore - Secretary