

MINUTES

**MARKSTAY-WARREN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

GENERAL MEETING

**January 22nd , 2008
6:00pm**

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

1. Opening Remarks By Chair

Doug Reynolds chaired the meeting until Chantal was elected as the new chair of the CDC.

2. Roll Call and Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

President/Chair: Chantal Roberts
Vice-Chair: Doug Reynolds
Directors: Kenneth Burns
Keith Keeping
Joanne McNabb
Kathy Proulx

Staff: Lorraine Demore, Secretary/CAO
Normand Roberge, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – Absent
Angelle Duguay, Intern

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None was disclosed.

4. Election of a new chair.

Kathy nominated Chantal as Chair and was second by Ken. Chantal accepted the position. Doug will remain co-chair.

#2008-01

Moved by: Kenneth Burns

Seconded by: Kathy Proulx

That Chantal Roberts be elected as Chair of the Markstay-Warren Community Development Corporation.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes

1. General meeting minutes dates December 18th, 2007

#2008-02

Moved by: Joanne McNabb

Seconded by: Kathy Proulx

That the general meeting minutes dated December 18th, 2007 be adopted and circulated.

CARRIED

6. Markstay-Warren Challenge the Champ Sled Dog Race Update

a) The Agricultural Society will have to pay \$50.00 for the kitchen as they are not an umbrella organization of the Municipality. The Hall agreement has been completed in Chantal's name. Pine Poultry Road will not be closed but there will be some delays in the afternoon around 2:00pm while the 12 mile OPT race is in session. Fuel may be donated and the sled dog committee was looking for a place to hold it. Unfortunately the tanks at the municipal garage only hold diesel so they must find other means to hold it. The following motions were passed for the Sled Dog Races as requested.

#2008-03

Moved by: Keith Keeping

Seconded by: Kathy Proulx

That the Board of Directors request Council the use of hall free of charge for the Feb. 29th, March 1st and 2nd Sled Dog Race.

CARRIED

#2008-04

Moved by: Doug Reynolds

Seconded by: Joanne McNabb

That the Board of Directors request Council the assistance of the Public Works Department for the preparation of the grounds for the Sled Dog Race.

CARRIED

#2008-05

Moved by: Joanne McNabb

Seconded by: Doug Reynolds

That the Board of Directors request Council to close a portion of Warren Ave. to accommodate the Sled Dog Race starting Feb. 29, 2008 up to including March 3, 2008.

CARRIED

b) The application has been sent to Economic Partners. A draft application was first sent, reviewed and resubmitted. They will be reviewing it at their meeting on January 28th, 2008. John Candie no longer works at Economic Partners so there was a bit of confusion which is why it got sent late.

c) General update: The sled dog committee has added a few things to make the event more family oriented. There will be a bonfire to warm up at with marshmallows. There will also be an outdoor chip stand and porta potties. Kids will be able to go on sled dog rides for a donation as well as rent dogs and sled for the kids and mutt race. A poster for volunteers will be going out soon as well as a flyer to be sent home with children at the schools letting them know about the events.

7. Business Recognition

Food has been ordered from Kate's and Creative Meats. There will be desserts, meat, cheese, crackers, and veggies. We still need to get some coffee, creamers, stir sticks, milk sugar, etc. Instead of getting plaques for the 10+ and 20+ businesses we will make our own and frame it. Doug and Chantal will be the M.C.'s. Discussions about the cabinet were brought up incase no one bids our reserve bid. We can close it off and showcase it at other events (bingo, snowflake festival, sled dog races) and then start the bidding again with an open bid. Other things that still need to get done include creating a program/itinerary, confirm attendance with council, ask mayor to say a little speech, get music ready and someone to take photos at the event, make a list of businesses in order of their years from most to least for the presentation and create a poster with all the businesses on it.

8. Farmer's Market

The idea of a farmer's Market was put in the CDC newsletter to see if there was an interest in the community among local farmers. Angelle received two responses. One was by e-mail stating that there already was a farmer's market in the community, Raha Ranch. This location is actually not within the municipality's boundaries. Mr. Sylvio Thibeault from St. Charles is interested in helping out. He mentioned that he himself was thinking of asking Kate to lease some land for a farmer's market on the highway. He stated that it would be best for the farmers to have a farmer's market through out the summer as well. He has a website that you can take a look at: www.thibeaultmarshfarms.com. He also gave me another website that would be good to look at which is: www.eatlocalsudbury.com. Kathy will be contacting Mr. Thibeault to speak with him as he was interested in meeting with us and to see if he would be interested in helping us plan a farmer's market.

9. Report from Intern

Angelle submitted her report to the Board of Directors stating what she has been working on; mainly the business recognition night and sled dog races.

#2008-06

Moved by: Keith Keeping

Seconded by: Doug Reynolds

That the Board of Directors acknowledges receipt of the intern's report.

CARRIED

10. Report from Secretary

Lorraine gave a verbal report through out the meeting and did not have any additional topics to discuss other than the topics previously mentioned.

#2008-07

Moved by: Keith Keeping

Seconded by: Joanne McNabb

That the Board of Directors acknowledges receipt of the secretary's report.

CARRIED

New Business

a) **Welcome Wagon:** Going to be looking into it more and see what can be done. There is a website to look up and see if we can get any information from it to help us out. Discussions included having businesses give stuff/information to put in bags as well as all the information from the municipality that someone would need such as dump hours. The bag could have sponsorships from local businesses to help with the costs of the bag. The bags could possibly be distributed at the municipal office. Anyone new in the community will get one for free and anyone that already lives in the municipality could buy a bag for a certain amount to be further discussed. Doug and Chantal are to look up the prices of bags that he has previously used. The CDC or municipal logo will also be on the bag.

b) **Newsletter:** Discussions about a common newsletter that would be beneficial to all the community groups together. The library board discussed this and are not in favour at this time. Angelle is to set a meeting with interested groups to further discuss this option.

11. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

#2008-08

Moved by: Kenneth Burns

Seconded by: Keith Keeping

That the Markstay-Warren Community Development Corporation adjourned its proceedings at 8:03pm until the next meeting to be held on February 13th, 2008 at 6:00pm.

CARRIED

Chantal Roberts–Chair

Lorraine Demore - Secretary