

MINUTES

**MARKSTAY-WARREN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

GENERAL MEETING

**NOVEMBER 29TH, 2007
6:00pm**

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

1. Opening Remarks By Chair

Kathy Proulx Chaired the meeting. She welcomed all in attendance. Introduction of the new intern, Angelle Duguay, Special Events Coordinator.

#2007-55

Moved by: Joanne McNabb

Seconded by: Chantal Roberts

That the Secretary be authorized to execute the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) agreement on the behalf of the Corporation as it relates to NOHFC's Youth Internship program starting November 19th, 2007.

CARRIED

2. Roll Call and Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm.

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

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. Adoption of Minutes

1. General meeting minutes dates October 10th, 2007

#2007-54

Moved by: Chantal Roberts

Seconded by: Joanne McNabb

That the general meeting minutes dated October 10th, 2007 be adopted and circulated.

CARRIED

5. Report from Chair

1. Dog Sled Race

Rheal sent email with updates for the dog sled race:

The budget is approximately \$26,000 with \$5,000 expected from Economic Partners and \$2,500 from the Municipality and the remainder from sponsorships. So far, we have collected \$1,800 from sponsors and Lou Serre is expecting approximately \$4,000-\$5,000 from his friends in Toronto. Canadiana Cabinets will be donating a custom cabinet with an approximate value of \$2,500 to us to sell or auction off. All proceeds from the cabinet go towards a sponsorship. This year the trail will be twelve miles long. The trail is on track with the help of the Agricultural Society and Firemen Associations. The LIC application will be submitted next week with a possible draft to Mr. Candie by Nov. 30th, 2007 for his review.

Discussion/recommendations at meeting:

The CDC is unable to do a raffle as it cannot have a lottery license. Possible ideas include a silent and/or online auction. The auction should be ongoing for at least a few weeks in advanced before the dog sled races and there should be a minimum bid. 2008 is their 10th anniversary and we will be recognizing that during the sale of the cabinet. A culvert is needed on one of the properties. The trail however runs across Pine Poultry Road so there will have to be a manned station to let traffic across. The committee will also have to advise residences that live down Pine Poultry

Road in advance. We can possibly have bleachers and a hot chocolate stand at this location. Committee will need to get a by-law to close Warren Ave. for the weekend. The memorandum of understanding has been drawn up and will be reviewed and then sent out. This year we will also be cutting down the amount of brochures that will get published. We hope to get more sponsors and get the brochure completed by January. The next Steering committee meeting is Monday December 3, 2007 at 7:00pm at Lou Serre's.

2. Sub-Committee Business Development (Focus Group)

Kenneth Burns is in charge. Kathy will e-mail Ken about setting something up in the New Year. A list of businesses to contact will follow afterwards.

3. Economic Partners – Horse Clinic Initiative

The CTV news stated that there was a need for an equine clinic in the north since the closest one around is in Guelph. The news broadcast was in Timmins and was brief so we are unsure if it is already in progress in Timmins or if it is just a prospective location. We should check the CTV website archives to see if there is any more information. This is something we should get involved in but need more information. Our area would be a good location as it is more centrally located in the north as compared to Timmins. Kathy is to contact John Candie and Kimberly Cross from Economic Partners to learn more about this topic. Afterwards, a meeting should be set up with local parties that are interested.

4. Farmer's Market – Project Discussion

A farmer's market was discussed and everyone thought it was a great idea for next autumn's harvest season. We need to contact various groups to see if there is an interest as well as get a site where it can be located. Producers group and local farmers should be contacted. Angelle is to contact Katie's Truck Stop to see if they would be interested for the possible location of the farmer's market. Other options included Creative Meats or Moraze's. We can contact Economic Partners to see if they would help for marketing costs. Other discussions included the option of a grocery store in the Municipality but more like a co-op for local farmers, something like Smith's Market in Sudbury, but exclusively with local products (e.g. produce, meats, preservatives). The farmer's market will come first to see how successful it will be before we try a permanent grocery store/market.

#2007-56

Moved by: Kathy Proulx

Seconded by: Keith Keeping

That the Board of Directors acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's financial report ending November 30th, 2007.

CARRIED

6. New Business

1. Canadiana Cabinets' Tenth Anniversary

Canadiana Cabinets have been in our municipality for ten years in February 2008. Suggestions for their accomplishments included rewarding them with a plaque or certificate and also a gala night with presentations to recognize local businesses. This could coincide with a town meeting or at one of the recreation committee's social nights. There could be a wine and cheese or dinner. We should survey local businesses to see how long they have been here. Also incorporate into presentation that we are not only recognizing businesses that have been here but want to help keeping them around as well as expanding and bringing in new businesses. Shoot for February for possible date of recognition event.

2. New Pentecostal Church

The Pentecostal Church will be moving into their new building November 30th, 2007. A letter will be sent out to them to recognize their new achievements.

3. Website Launch

The website will be launching shortly. Rheal is to send the company passwords and then everything should be ready to go live.

4. Fed Nor Session

Lorraine and Angelle attended a Fed Nor information session at the Comfort Inn in Sturgeon Falls on November 29th, 2007. Fed Nor is conducting these sessions all over Northern Ontario. Lorraine was asked by the Mayor to attend. They informed us about the programs that they have as well as asked what Fed Nor can offer to our communities. There were lots of good ideas discussed and networking was naturally done. A report will be out in February about the sessions.

5. Formerly Isidore Roy's Lumber Property – Hwy 535

The saw mill in Hagar has closed down and is looking for buyers to sell their land. It is in a good location as the land is flat and already has three phase hydro. They have potential buyers, but if there are any other businesses looking for a location, this would be a great place to start a small industrial park. Right

now a company that produces granite is looking at the location to make the granite ready to be shipped to a second location. If anyone knows of interested parties looking for property, refer them to Bert or Bruno Roy.

7. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

#2007-57

Moved by: Kathy Proulx

Seconded by: Keith Keeping

That the Markstay-Warren Community Development Corporation adjourned its proceedings at 7:30pm until the next meeting to be held on December 12th, 2007 at 6:00pm.

CARRIED

Rheal Forgette – Chair

Lorraine Demore - Secretary