

MINUTES

**MARKSTAY-WARREN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2005

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

1. Opening remarks by Chair

Chair Rheal Forgette welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Roll Call and call meeting to order

President/Chair: Rheal Forgette

Vice-Chair: Doug Reynolds - **absent**

Directors: Art Bast - **absent**
Helen Kempers
Nicole Lepage – came in at 7:10 pm
Steven Reynolds
Mark Whynott

Staff: Lorraine Demore, Secretary
Normand Roberge, Treasurer

Meeting Called to order at 6:01 p.m.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None was declared.

4. Adoption of minutes

#2005-37

Moved by: Helen Kempers

Seconded by: Steven Reynolds

THAT the General meeting minutes dated May 4th, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Economic Partners presentation

Mr. John Candie, General Manager /Economic Development Officer for Economic Partners for Sudbury East-West Nipissing made a cheque presentation in an amount of \$5,000 under the Local Initiative Contribution Program to assist with the start-up of the Corporation.

Mr. Candie was approached by Director Mark Whynott as to funding for a Recognition sign in honour of Lou Serre our local sled-dog gold medallist. He will open a file and await our application. Mr. Whynott to submit quotes for inclusion with funding application.

President Rheal Forgette inquired of Mr. Candie if there could be some assistance for Mr. Bedard of Bedard Hardfacing Limited as per his letter addressed to the Board this evening under item 7.4 of the agenda.

Mr. Candie will set meeting with FedNor and other funding agency to meet with Mr. Bedard the week of June 20th, 2005. Ontario Hydro will also be invited.

President Rheal Forgette to attend. Secretary to confirm meeting time and Place with board members.

Of Note, Mr. Bedard had already had a meeting with Northern Development and Mines officials, therefore they won't be invited at this meeting. This Ministry doesn't have any capital funds for hydro connections but may for Expansion to building based on business case.

The Board inquired if Mr. Candie had any further news on the sale or potential Sale of Isidore Roy Lumber to Domtar. It is not closing as of yet only an offer made as of this time.

Mr. Candie advised that the Ministry of Natural Resources will be releasing their Final Report on the Minister's Council on Forest Sector Competitiveness. A copy will be available on the Ministry's website.

6. Report from Chair

1. Call center information – as per May 4th, 2005 minutes

Chair Rheal Forgette advised that he has a contact that is looking for property to open a call center. There is no new information.

Mr. Candie advised that Bell Canada has a department that provides site selection services for establishing call centres. To contact them and they will be in touch with us.

2. Meeting with Gaetan Proulx May 9th, 2005

Chair Rheal Forgette advises that he met with Mr. Proulx following the public meeting. Mr. Proulx has no business plan and no working capital. Mr. Forgette offered his services to Mr. Proulx if and when he is ready to review his business plan.

Mr. Forgette to send a letter to Mr. Proulx confirming their discussions .

7. Report from Secretary

1. Youth Internship funding approval – FedNor subsidy – job advertisement deadline for application June 15th, 2005 – 3:00 pm – selection of hiring committee

Secretary to screen candidates if eligible under the FedNor funding criteria.

Interviews to be held on June 21st, 2005 at 10:00 am. Package to be circulated – questionnaires, resumes, etc...

#2005-38

Moved by: Steven Reynolds
Seconded by: Helen Kempers

THAT we acknowledge receipt of FedNor Youth Internship funding to hire an Economic Development Intern.

That President Rheel Forgette, Director Helen Kempers, and Nicole Lepage and Secretary Lorraine Demore be appointed to the selection committee.

CARRIED

2. EDCO membership – refer to information circulated at the May 5th, 2005 meeting

#2005-39

Moved by: Mark Whynott
Seconded by: Nicole Lepage

THAT the Markstay-Warren Community Development Corporation become a member of the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO)

CARRIED

3. Tourism workshop – June 22nd, 2005 – attendance by Director Nicole Lepage

All board members were invited to attend this workshop. Director Nicole Lepage will attend the Sudbury Session. Director Doug Reynolds will be attending the North Bay workshop as part of his regular work duties.

4. Bedard's Hardfacing Limited letter dated June 3rd, 2005 – refer to attachments

#2005-40

Moved by: Helen Kempers
Seconded by: Steven Reynolds

THAT we acknowledge receipt of Mr. Ray Bedard's letter dated June 3rd, 2005 from Bedard's Hardfacing Limited requesting the Corporation's assistance for upgrading his business and bring in a 3-phase hydro supply to enhance the proposed expansion.

THAT a meeting be scheduled with Economic Partners Sudbury East-West Nipissing and other stakeholders to assist in his business venture.

CARRIED

5. Director Bast's report re: Economic development workshop in Parry Sound May 11th, 2005 – refer to summary report – supporting documentation to be circulated at meeting.

E-mail received from Director Bast was part of agenda package and Supporting documentation was circulated amongst the Directors.

6. Budget report – Treasurer

Treasurer Mr. Roberge advised the Board that the budget request of \$6500 to the Council of the municipality has been cut by \$4000.

Council had to find \$216,000 to balance the budget. Part of this was from Budget cuts and the balance was from a 7.5% tax increase to ratepayers.

Therefore the \$2500 interim budget will be the full levy to the Board for 2005.

7. Nicole Lepage – letter of support for development of trail system in our area

Nicole advises that our area is the missing link to connect to the Trans Canada Trail . At the beginning of the discussions a letter of support Was requested from the board. Following discussions we will wait for The action plan as organized by the committee to bring all stakeholders together to be organized by the office of Mr. Bonin.

8. **Business plan – review items in May 4th, 2005 meeting minutes and establish objectives**

Industrial Sites were further discussed.

- 1) Markstay – adjacent to Basts manufacturing on Millichamp
- 2) Hagar – adjacent to Isidore Roy Lumber
- 3) Warren – beside arena, beside new well area off of Highway 17, beside Warren Shell

To approach the Basts on their level of interest to develop a wet/dy site.

To invite Mr. Jeff Kolibash, Director of Planning for the Sudbury East Planning Board for information on Official Plan and Zoning for our municipality as it relates to an industrial park.

Tourism

As per the Chair to invite Mr. David Kilgour at the September meeting.

Multi-use trail meeting to be set up by our MP Mr. Bonin – wait for outcome before pursuing multi- trail initiative in our municipality.

To develop an information brochure of activities and type of artisan tour that could be promoted to the community at large and travellers.

Next meeting discuss agriculture and residential sectors.

9. Correspondence

1. Newspaper article – Le Voyageur’s May 11th, 2005 edition – article on the CDC – circulated at meeting

Chair Mr. Forgette was interviewed by Le Voyageur’s reporter and provided an overview on our Corporation. A copy was circulated at the meeting.

10. Adjournment and date of next meeting

#2005-41

Moved by: Nicole Lepage

Seconded by: Mark Whynott

THAT the Markstay-Warren Community Development Corporation adjourn its proceedings at 9:28 pm, until the next meeting to be held on July 13th, 2005 at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

President/Chair

Secretary