

MINUTES

MARKSTAY-WARREN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2005

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

1. Opening remarks by Chair

Chair Rheel Forgette welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Roll Call and call meeting to order

President/Chair: Rheel Forgette

Vice-Chair: Doug Reynolds

Directors: Art Bast
Steven Reynolds
Mark Whynott

Staff: Lorraine Demore, Secretary

Absent: Director, Helen Kempers
Director, Nicole Lepage

Meeting Called to order at 6:05 p.m.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Chair Rheel Forgette declared his interest on addition to the Agenda being a letter from his company (True 802 Wireless, Inc.) requesting support from the Corporation . Vice-Chair Doug Reynolds presided during the discussions.

4. Paul Bradette and Pierre Seguin – Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

Absent. Mix up in invitation dates. To invite them for the April 6th, 2005 meeting.

5. Adoption of minutes

#2005-27

Moved by: Art Bast

Seconded by: Steven Reynolds

THAT the General meeting minutes dated February 8th, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Report from Chair

1. Meeting with Mr. Raymond Bedard

Chair Rheal Forgette and Director Steven Reynolds met with Mr. Bedard on February 15th, 2005.

Mr. Bedard is located in the Village of Hagar and specializes in hard facing pipe and plate and also do custom fabrication in steel, aluminium and stainless.

It is a unique business in Northern Ontario and provides his expertise in Brazil, Chile and Africa. One other machine in Alberta.

They presently have contracts with Falconbridge.

Mr. Bedard has equipment to expand business, however he needs to bring a 3 phase hydro system.

Cost is estimated at \$30,000 and \$1300 for engineering plan payable to Ontario Hydro.

He is seeking financial assistance to expand his building including utilities and start up fund for human resources. He is going to create a minimum of five (5) jobs.

Mr. Bedard has met with Pierre Seguin from Northern Development and Mines to review financial assistance from this Ministry on February 24th, 2005. Mr. Seguin reviewed his needs and advised him to complete the application for financial assistance under the new programs recently released.

Board is requesting that NOHFC provide information to the Board on how the Board can accommodate his needs. We will then be in a position to advise Mr. Bedard on suitable actions. NOHFC representatives to be approached on this issue at the April meeting.

2. Report on EDCO workshops held on March 2nd and 3rd, 2005 in Subury

Chair Rheal Forgette circulated a summary of workshops given at the EDCO Conference. Director Art Bast and Secretary Lorraine Demore also attended the session. Information package was circulated to other Directors for their review.

Secretary to inquire on membership costs, benefits.

Board wishes to pursue Business Retention and Expansion. Secretary to contact Karen Fischer re new application on line and training for new person, namely Youth Intern.

To include any toolkits made available at workshop on CDC's section of municipal website to assist existing and new businesses.

7. Report from Secretary

1. Interim budget for 2005 as approved by Council of the municipality

Council at the February 16th, 2005 regular meeting approved through resolution 2005-48 a \$2500 interim levy for 2005 and the unspent 2004 budget allocation.

Budget including request letter was submitted to Council. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Economic Partners to be approached for surplus equipment for the CDC's use.

Local Initiative Contribution application to be submitted to Economic Partners to assist with start-up of Corporation.

2. Youth Intern program

Secretary advises that an application would be submitted to NOHFC for this program. Following discussions, the Board directed Secretary to apply through Fednor for this position with a start date of May 1st, 2005 for a period of 52 weeks.

3. Gaetan Proulx – potential for new slaughter house/training school

Mr. Proulx advised that he wishes to seek funding to construct a slaughter house/Training school for our area. I advised that he should once he has an area of interest to confirm zoning. He is looking for three phase for hydro connection. I advised him to contact Ontario Hydro for potential areas and costing.

4. Net Central –

Advises that there are two studies being implemented to identify the information and communications technology sector gaps and for the Northern Ontario Cellular infrastructure gaps.

These letters will be presented to Council for their review and support.

Board would like to ensure that we document all activities that pertain to new and existing business activities that are flowed through this Corporation.

Secretary advises that a binder with spread sheet system will be implemented to document these activities.

8. **Business plan**

This agenda item has been deferred pending budget approvals.

9. **Correspondence**

1. Economic Development Workshop – Parry Sound May 11th, 2005 – Institute for Northern Ontario Research and Development (INORD)

#2005-28

Moved by: Mark Whynott
Seconded by: Steven Reynolds

THAT Art Bast and Helen Kempers attend the Economic Development Workshop to be held in Parry Sound on May 11th, 2005.

CARRIED

2. Notice of meeting in regards to the FRENCH RIVER HERITAGE CENTRE, Monday, March 14th, 2005 – 7:00 pm Alban Community Centre

Invitation was circulated to attend this information session. It also gave some background on the partnership requested from our municipality. Rheel Forgette is to attend on behalf of the CDC.

3. True 802 Wireless Inc. – letter dated March 9th, 2005

Board is in agreement to write a letter of support to assist with funding application and creation of jobs

10. Adjournment and date of next meeting

Northern Development and Mines representatives to be invited.

Business plan – logo, marketing for next meeting.

#2005-29

Moved by: Mark Whynott
Seconded by: Steven Reynolds

THAT the Markstay-Warren Community Development Corporation adjourn its proceedings at 8:50 pm, until the next meeting to be held on April 6th, 2005 at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

President/Chair

Secretary