



Caledonia Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2023

Directors: Brad Armes, Suzanne Athanasiou, Joanne Dorr, Ian Haynes, Chris Hibbs, Dan Lawrence, Gary Nelson, Craig Peters, Randy Peirson, Ben Ponsen, Anne Unyi (ex officio)

Executive: Jessica Lymburner

Guests: Stacie Blakey

1. Call to Order – Suzanne Athanasiou called the meeting to order at 8:00 am
2. Conflict of Interest Declaration – None declared.
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting: It was duly moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of February 3, 2023.
4. Correspondence Review

A. Pam Aylan-Parker provided an email update that Music in the Park has the following dates and performers booked:

- I. July 9 Revolver and Friends
- II. July 23 Tianna Woods
- III. Aug 13 pending
- IV. Aug 27 Country Ramblers

B) The Sachem interviewed ED Jessica Lymburner last week and the article about Canada Day has been posted online, she will publish to our website as well.

C) Business Awards – Major sponsors have been secured, still opportunity for award sponsors.

#### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Haldimand County Updates: Dan Lawrence shared that he has secured a donation from Empire Homes for \$10k, 5 of each he has suggested cover parade costs for Canada Day and Christmas. He will forward contact information to Ms. Lymburner to arrange a photo-opp and asked Joanne Dorr to prepare a Press Release.
2. Committee Reports
  - a. Business Achievement Awards – Tickets will be available for purchase this week
  - b. Edinburgh Cup- Mr. Todd Lymburner will lead planning if needed, he will co-ordinate with Randy Peirson for initial planning.
  - c. Canada Day- Next planning session is booked Feb 28 at 7pm
  - d. Tourism – Nothing new to report
  - e. Oktoberfest – Mr. Craig Peters is looking at a Celtic band
  - f. Economic Development – Nothing new to report
  - g. Finance/Succession Planning – A meeting has been set for Feb 24

- h. Caledonia Connected Networking – Nothing new to report
  - i. Special Projects -
  - j. Nominations
3. Grand Trunk Society: Mr, Peters will ask Larry Fay to gather financial and submit to the auditors.
  4. Resilient Communities Fund Application <https://www.otf.ca/our-grants/resilient-communities-fund> Suzanne Athanasiou shared with the Board this opportunity for funding to help the CRCC implement a strategic plan. The portal for funding should open in the fall.
  5. New Business: - Nothing to report.
  6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 am