



Caledonia Regional Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2025

Directors: Brad Armes, Suzanne Athanasiou, Stacie Blakey, Joanne Dorr, Janice Doyle, Mike Estey, Larry Fay, Dan Lawrence, Ken Parr, Craig Peters, Randy Peirson, Anne Unyi (ex officio)

Administrative: Heather Mastromatteo

Guests:

1. **Call to Order:** 8:04 AM, meeting was held outside due to the door being locked
2. **Conflict of Interest Declaration:** None declared
3. **Minutes from Previous Meeting:** It was asked of the board to send an email approving the previous minutes
4. **Correspondence Review:** Grand Erie Business centre AGM- no one will be able to attend on behalf of the chamber

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) **Membership Update:**
 - Membership stands at 71, with 6 new members and 65 renewals
- 2) **Board of director meetings:**
 - The AGM will take place at the meeting on July 18
- 3) **Events:**
 - **Networking Events:**
 - i) There will be a few board members at the next breakfast and currently we have not received a response about moving the Networking after 5 to the Squire.
 - **Golf Tournament Update:**
 - i) The golf tournament was well attended, and feedback was good. The cost was higher than last year so there will likely be an increase in cost for the 2026 tournament. Total profit is not in yet.
- 4) **Haldimand County Update**
 - Dan updated about the ward boundaries and Caledonia getting two wards and councilors. There is some opposition, however he feels the need is great due to the population.
 - He expressed the need for the downtown area to be fixed and that we have been waiting for MTO to fix the bridge first. He will be pushing the downtown to get redone as the MTO is being slow and unresponsive on timeline for the bridge.
 - A discussion was had on some rejuvenation of poor looking properties in town, Dan said most of that falls under By-law.
 - The Firehall is still set for occupancy on June 26.
- 5) **Financial Update:**
 - HST has been filed and paid. QuickBooks Merchant account for payments has expired and we are not going to renew it until there is a need for it.
 - It was updated that there are some disputed Zeffy charges from the Business Awards. We will watch to see if it becomes a common issue.

- 6) **Executive Committee:**
 - It was updated that Steve Hayward resigned from the board of directors effective May 29, 2025.
- 7) **Special Projects Update:**
 - Craig updated us that the MTO is requiring new signs for the Canada Day Parade
- 8) **New Business:**
 - The chamber is working on a dock project where people can launch non-motorized boats into the Grand River above the dam. We have currently secured \$4000 in funds and will start to proceed further. Next steps for the dock project, including setting up meetings with Scott Barrett and the county.
- 9) **Adjournment: 9:02 AM**