



Caledonia Regional Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2024

Directors: Brad Armes, Suzanne Athanasiou, Stacie Blakey, Joanne Dorr, Janice Doyle, Mike Estey, Larry Fay, Steve Hayward, Craig Peters, Randy Peirson

Administrative: Heather Mastromatteo

1. **Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 8:01 AM**
1. **Conflict of Interest Declaration- NONE**
2. **Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Accepted motioned and moved to approve the minutes from Nov. 15, 2024
3. **Correspondence Review-** Discussion was had about what the Ti-Cats would offer for the 2025 year. The motion to approve the in-lieu membership was voted and passed unanimously.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **Administrative Support Agreement:** The motion was unanimously passed to keep Heather on as administrator until the end of March and reassess at that time.
2. **2025 Schedule:**
 - A) Meeting schedule: Motion was made and unanimously passed to have board meetings on the second Friday morning of each month. The next 2 board meetings are Jan. 17th and February 14th due to networking events.
 - B) Networking Events: A discussion was had about a breakfast on Jan. 10th, Mike will proceed to book it. A discussion was had on what the After 5 events would look like. First After 5 is Feb. 11th.
 - C) Business Awards: Discussion and committee were put in place to start the planning process.
 - D) Summer Student: Discussion was had on the role and to get the grant application in.
3. **Haldimand Business Networking Update-** Haldimand looking to provide shared resources for all local networks and complement other communities.
4. **Economic Development:** Meeting with Lidy, a discussion was had on one large Haldimand Chamber and having sub-chambers. More information will follow in 2025.
5. **Special Projects Updates-** none
6. **Haldimand County Updates-** on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, they are looking at how they are going to replace an empty counsellor seat.
7. **Canada Day** – Discussion about there being a committee in place and talking to local organizations to sponsor different areas of the celebrations. Discussion about how to get things started and to start fundraising. Committee meeting to follow in January.
8. **New Business** – Mascot in Santa Clause Parade to be paid.
9. **Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM**