



Caledonia Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 18, 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

- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 8:22 A.m.
- 2) **Conflict of Interest Declaration:** None Declared
- 3) **Minutes from Previous Meeting:** It was unanimously motioned and passed to approve the minutes of June 20th meeting
- 4) **Correspondence Review:**
 - A new party interested in joining the board has been invited to the next meeting.
 - Heather asked for a representative to attend the All-Chambers Ti-Cat Networking event on August 7th, Stacie will try to attend, and Randy will already be there so he will try to stop in at the networking event

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) **Membership Update:**
 - Membership has stayed the same at 71 members. There was a discussion of membership dues changing and it will be discussed in depth at the next meeting. It was asked to have a list of how many businesses are in each tier, that will get worked on and distributed before the next meeting.
- 2) **Board of director meetings:** Next meeting is August 15th
- 3) **Events:**
 - **Networking Events:** It was discussed it use the all-networking Ti-Cat event as our event for August. It was discussed about September's networking event being a breakfast on September 12th. The BIA is hosting a Meet and Greet on Sept 10th, it was discussed whether we can have a joint meeting. Suzanne will reach out to Kathy Marshall to discuss and will update next meeting.
- 4) **Haldimand County Update:**
 - Ward boundaries review and appeal was heard by OLT on Tuesday. It is likely that another counsellor will be approved, and it won't be overturned.
 - Strong Mayor was invoked, and Cathy Case CAO was let go. The County has hired a recruiter to fill in this position. A discussion was had on what the Strong Mayor program is and that it cannot be revoked unless it comes down from legislation. It was mentioned that we could email Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to ask of that.
 - It will be asked to resurface the downtown in the budget for next year.
 - It was asked if the crosswalk at Edinburgh Square will be done before school, it is unsure at this time
 - The Pickleball court will have 4 courts, and they hope to start in August and have it done by October

- Edinburgh Square will have some engineering work to make it more accessible, washrooms, new stairs and a lift. It will take 9-12 months starting next March. Some of the events may be virtual for next summer.
- Haldimand volunteer awards deadline has been extended, it was asked to submit nominations.

- 5) **Financial Update: It was discussed at the AGM**
- 6) **Executive Committee: None**
- 7) **New Business: Alzheimer's Society: deferred**
- 8) **Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.**

NEXT MEETINGS & Events

August 15- Board of Directors Meeting