

**MINUTES  
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 8, 2020**

Present: Jeff Shaver, Gary Albers, Mark Primeau, David Annable, Jeannette Johnson, Annette Simonian, Myron Belej

**1. Call to Order**

Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**2. Chair's Opening Remarks**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by David Annable and Seconded by Mark Primeau – Agenda Approved

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Gary Albers and Seconded by David Annable – Minutes approved

**5. Disclosure of Interest**

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**7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

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**9. Delegations**

**10. New and Unfinished Business**

**9.1 Business of the Year**

- The committee agreed that we have to move ahead as the new normal and Augusta should proceed with the Business of a Year for 2020 both virtually and in person.
- Tentative Date November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Place TBD
- Theme: New Normal, rural businesses after COVID-19
- Wendy and Jeannette are comfortable with this format and are willing to take the lead
- Committee suggested that it be strictly a buy ahead for breakfast since buffets are not allowed and seating is limited.
- Deputy Mayor Shaver to ask Judi Baril if she would be willing to take the lead for nominations.

**9.2 Council Committee Structure**

- Reviewed the new Committee Policy and Terms of Reference with the Committee.

### **9.3 Tiny Homes**

- A question was placed in the Augusta Quarterly to gauge the interest in Tiny Homes.
- Some responses were received that showed some interest
- Committee discussed the legalities around them in Ontario
- Committee cautions that there are many hurdles to overcome and they need to be well researched if Augusta wants to permit them.
- Difficult to obtain an mortgage as well.

### **9.4 Habitat for Humanity**

- Committee discussed land donation for Habitat for Humanity
- The organization is willing to build something in Augusta if suitable land can be donated.

### **9.5 Teeny Tiny Summit**

- Summit is virtual this year on September 23, 2020
- Anyone interested can sign up on Eventbrite

### **9.6 UCLG Economic Development and Corridor Update**

- N/A

### **9.7 Roundtable**

- CIP passed by Council
- There is a Public Meeting for Aquaworld rezoning amendment
- Prescott Curling Club tried to proceed with curling leagues under the new COVID rules, but there was not enough members to proceed so they will stay closed until January 2021.
- Discussion around the need to plan ahead for 2021 small/med business support when the resources and reserves are tapped.
- Prescott Recreational Campaign update.....my committee has not met since COVID started. We were expecting to hear from the Infrastructure Minister in March, but now anticipate an October or early November notification about dollars. We are ready to move onto Phase 2 as soon as we hear about funding. Currently we have raised 2.5 million of a 3.4 million dollar goal
- Kinsmen Club of Prescott Spirit of Giving campaign.....we have had to postpone the Arts and Crafts Show until 2021...this reflects approximately a \$5 -\$6 Thousand dollar loss, the dollars Traditionally raised Help fund the perishable products including the purchase of turkeys for the Christmas distribution. We will Be extending registration this year to enable people to register....we anticipate many more families signing up in 2020 than ever before. We are aggressively seeking other opportunities to close the gap on the funding loss, reaching out to more churches and seeking innovative ways to raise extra dollars.... at this point we do not

even know if the school board will allow us to distribute our baskets from SGDHS, so the club is looking At other venues to be able to set up. Distribution for the Spirit if Giving Campaign will be held on the Saturday before Christmas. When I know the registration dates, I will share with the township. Angel trees and food donation opportunities are all ready to go as soon as November1

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**10. Next Meeting – Monday October 5, 2020 at 1:30pm**

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by David Annable and Seconded by Mark Primeau

Adjourned at 2:50p.m until October 5, 2020 or until the call of the Chair subject to need.