

November 19, 2014
Township of South River Municipal Office

Present: Sundridge – Elgin Schneider, Bill deVries
Strong – Merlyn Snow
South River – Jim Coleman, Jeff Dickerson
Machar – Doug Maeck, Ron Bennison
Business Reps – Gary McLaren (left at 10:30 a.m.), Luke Preston (left at 10:00 a.m.)
MNDM –
FedNor – Ron Begin

Absent: John Newstead, Carole Mantha

Guests in the Audience: Lyle Hall

Delegates: Jeff Carter – Hunter's Bay Radio

Staff Present: Kim Dunnett – Office Administrator - Strong
Adam Killah - Economic Development Intern

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Jim Coleman.

Delegation: Jeff Carter was unable to attend due to weather conditions.

General Discussion:

NOHFC Update: Economic Initiatives Presentation – No update: Carole Mantha unable to attend due to weather conditions.

FedNor Update – Ron Begin outlined a new funding program called CINNO (Community Investment Initiative Northern Ontario). This program is funded for 3 years to support establishment of core operations in an Economic Development office regionally. Ron Begin will be working with Adam Killah (CAEDA) and Gerry Spooner will be working with David Gray (SAHED) regarding this funding opportunity. Ron will meet with new Mayors to discuss the funding opportunity as well. Ron suggested that the new CAEDA representatives should make a decision going forward about using "The Villages of Almaguin" wording.

Business Rep Report – Gary McLaren, with support from Adam Killah, updated the representatives on the progress of the Shop Locally Christmas Program – the ad was circulated. The program will run from November 21 to December 22, 2014. So far there is a commitment from 12 businesses, hopefully more will partake in the program. Print ads are booked, and Hunter's Bay Radio will cover the program as well. There will be posters and a ballot box at each participating business. Ron Begin suggested that a website address be added so that interested individuals reading the ad could get more information on the program. ABC going

forward will keep in mind a timeline of events for each year to help with planning process. Luke Preston stated there was a Sunflower Festival Committee meeting November 19, 2014 that he will be attending. A discussion on combining the Sunflower and Triathlon Committee's was a possibility, as the organizer of the Triathlon was stepping down. The Employee Council with the Multicultural Centre has met and will continue to meet 3 to 4 times a year. A Chair and a Vice Chair was decided upon and they will work in conjunction with the Multi Cultural Centre.

Intern Report – Adam Killah updated the representatives on the knowledge he gained at the Ontario Bike Program event. He stated that currently Almaguin is not part of the bike loop, but their interest in the area joining was well received. David Gray will be looking into funding for this program and together with Adam they will work to move the program forward. Adam provided additional information on partnering with Canadore College regarding web design for area businesses. Canadore College does not have any current openings, but they will have 10 eligible spots in September 2015. Swift Canoe has approved funding with IION for a new innovative paddle they want to create. IION would like to expand their presence in the Almaguin area by helping to support businesses to bring forward their innovative ideas. Adam stated that Hunters Bay Radio would like to become more involved in the Almaguin area. Ron Begin spoke about Hunter's Bay Radio possibility have a satellite location in the Almaguin area or having a portable broadcast from different locations. Jeff Carter will be invited to the next meeting to give more information on this item. Adam updated the representatives on the meeting he had with local EDO's from Powassan, Magnetawan and Burk's Falls. He feels the partnerships with the EDO's will be very beneficial to everyone. Adam provided a draft agenda for his visit with Rick Evans on November 20, 2014, he is looking forward to the meeting.

Almaguin Umbrella Project Update – Adam reviewed with representatives their feelings about him playing more of a role in the Almaguin Umbrella group. Adam has a very busy schedule ahead and cannot make any commitment at this time.

Correspondence:

No correspondence

Adoption of Minutes:

Resolution 2014-65

Moved by: Merlyn Snow

Seconded by: Ron Bennison

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adopt the minutes of regular meeting of October 15, 2014, as circulated.

Carried

Approve CAEDA Expenses:

Resolution 2014-66

Moved by: J.A.K. Dickerson

Seconded by: Elgin Schneider

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve expenses between October 16, 2014 and November 19, 2014 in the amount of \$6,144.16, and authorize the administrator to issue cheques for the same.

Carried

New Business: A conversation on EMS services took place. A follow up discussion with the Mayors was to happen, but at this time no Municipalities have had any communication. The representatives still feel the EMS services would be better suited with an agency such as DSSAB. A careful selection of the new representative to sit on the EMS Board next term is critical.

The current committee agreed that going forward the partnerships of the four Municipalities is crucial in order to maintain and expand economic growth. Ron Begin stated it has been a pleasure working with the representatives. CAEDA has grown and has many accomplishments they should be proud of. He is always been very pleased with the attendance and commitment of the representatives. Ron thanked each member for their hard work and dedication over the years.

Chairman Jim Coleman also thanked each representative for their support and representing their Municipalities well over the years.

Adjournment:

Resolution 2014-67

Moved by: Bill deVries

Seconded by: Merlyn Snow

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adjourn at 10:55 a.m. until the next regular meeting December 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Village of Sundridge Municipal Office, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

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Chair, Jim Coleman

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Recording Secretary, Kim Dunnett