

**April 21, 2016**  
**Township of Strong Municipal Office**

**Present:** Sundridge –  
Strong – Les Blackwell  
South River – Jim Coleman  
Machar – Lynda Carleton  
Joly – Chris Nicholson  
Business Reps – Luke Preston  
MNDM – Carole Mantha  
FedNor – Ron Begin

**Absent:** Sharon Smith, Don Richardson, Gary McLaren, Jennifer Farquhar

**Guests:** None

**Delegates:** None

**Staff Present:** Kim Dunnett – Recording Secretary  
John Santarossa – EDO

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Les Blackwell.

**General Discussion:**

FedNor Update: Ron Begin gave a report on a meeting he attended in Magnetawan on cycling. Economic Development will play a crucial role in the process. Ron encouraged the municipalities to partnership with the local cycling enthusiast on this undertaking. Ron gave a brief update on Canada 150 funding, which is ongoing.

MNDM Update: Carole Mantha reported the cycling routes are a two phase project. The cycling project name is “AIM” Almaguin in Motion. Letters of support from the communities wanting to participate will be needed. There are many partners willing to help move this project forward. Carole continues to work on private and public sector applications. Carole stated currently that RED applications are on hold. An update was given on the BR&E project, Carole explained this project has been very successful with 300 business surveys completed. On May 10, 2016 at the leadership meeting the team will review the BR&E data.

Business Rep Report: Luke Preston reported that FAB16 and Business Directory. The 2016 directory will be released in May. FAB16 plans are moving forward and progressing well.

EDO Report: John Santarossa updated the group on the BR&E project stating there will be 74 surveys completed at the end of the project. John continues to update the CAEDA business directory. Setting up a work plan will be a priority going forward. John will continue with ongoing business visits in the communities. John shared BR&E comments from the surveys.

EDAC Membership: The EDO explained that the EDAC membership was geared more for new EDO's, while he preferred EDCO which would benefit him more. The cost is slightly higher, therefore the secretary will discuss it further with the administrator.

Joly Airport: The Joly representative updated the committee members on the Airport and its current state. CAEDA's assistance is not required at this time, but maybe needed at a later time in the process.

### **Correspondence:**

The Recording Secretary updated the members on resolutions received and the 2016 budget has been approved by all Council's.

The CAEDA members briefly discussed the "Villages of Almaguin" concept and would like to invite BAR EDO, Dave Gray for further clarification on this project.

### **Resolution: 2016-21**

**Moved by:** Chris Nicholson

**Seconded by:** Lynda Carleton

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve the purchase of CAEDA business cards at a cost of \$77.00.

***Carried***

### **Resolution: 2016-22**

**Moved by:** Chris Nicholson

**Seconded by:** Jim Coleman

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve the upgrade of the CAEDA cell phone at a cost of \$145.00, with the cell phone plan to remain at the same monthly cost.

***Carried***

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

#### **Resolution: 2016-23**

**Moved by:** Lynda Carleton

**Seconded by:** Chris Nicholson

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adopt the minutes of regular meeting of March 3, 2016, as circulated.

***Carried***

**Approve CAEDA Expenses:**

**Resolution: 2016-24**

**Moved by:** Jim Coleman

**Seconded by:** Chris Nicholson

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve expenses between March 4, 2016 and April 7, 2016 in the amount of \$3,799.95 and authorize the administrator to issue cheques for the same.

***Carried***

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 5, 2016 – 5:30 pm

**Strategic Planning Session:**

The Chair reviewed plans for the public session on Thursday, June 16, 2016, the venue was discussed. The CAEDA Chair and EDO will further investigate the location for the session.

**Adjournment:**

**Resolution: 2016-25**

**Moved by:** Chris Nicholson

**Seconded by:** Luke Preston

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adjourn at 18:10 until the next regular meeting May 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Strong Township Municipal Office, or at the call of the Chair.

***Carried***

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**Chair, Les Blackwell**

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**Recording Secretary, Kim Dunnett**