

**November 3, 2016**  
**Township of Strong Municipal Office**

**Present:** Sundridge – Don Richardson  
Strong –  
South River – Sharon Smith  
Machar – Lynda Carleton  
Joly – Chris Nicholson  
Business Reps – Willy Hollett, Romano Machi  
MNDM – Carole Mantha  
FedNor – Ron Begin

**Absent:** Les Blackwell, Jennifer Farquhar

**Guests:** None

**Delegates:** Denise Sherritt - Nipissing Parry Sound Business Centre – Unable to attend

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Don Richardson.

**Resolution 2016-60**

**Moved by:** Sharon Smith

**Seconded by:** Lynda Carleton

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby amend the November 3, 2016 agenda to include a Strategic Planning Session.

**Carried**

**General Discussion:**

FedNor Update: No update

MNDM Update: No update

EDO Report: EDO updated the group on Kent Trusses properties current status. The Immigration Attraction Phase 2 was discussed and the importance was explained in moving forward.

**Resolution: 2016-61**

**Moved by:** Sharon Smith

**Seconded by:** Lynda Carleton

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby support the North Bay & District Multicultural Centre in the amount of \$400.00 from the 2017 budget, in order to leverage funding from NOHFC, FedNor and other municipalities for Phase 2 of the Northeastern Ontario Immigration Attraction Initiative, subject to approval of the FedNor funding.

**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

CAEDA acknowledges receipt of a resolution of support from the Village of Sundridge Council in regards to the film, video, television and digital media production in Ontario.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

**Resolution: 2016-62**

**Moved by:** Lynda Carleton

**Seconded by:** Willy Hollett

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adopt the minutes of regular meeting of October 6, 2016, as amended. \*\*New Business paragraph three "Villages of Almaguin" change to "A regional marketing plan", MNDM Report and AHCC Report.

**Carried**

**Approve CAEDA Expenses:**

**Resolution: 2016-63**

**Moved by:** Sharon Smith

**Seconded by:** Chris Nicholson

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve expenses between October 7, 2016 and November 3, 2016 in the amount of \$268.91, and authorize the administrator to issue cheques for the same.

**Carried**

**New Business:**

EDO advised about MTO Consultation session on November 15, 2016 regarding transportation needs.

Ron Begin inquired about two events the EDO attended. EDO commented the Small Business Roundtable was successful, 15 businesses attended and gave valuable input. This event is hopefully going to become annual. Biomass Conference was good and the EDO will share a list of information with members he obtained.

EDO shared the RBC Succession planning flyer with the group, stating it is a very beneficial session to attend.

Carole Mantha spoke about attracting seniors to the communities, and how seniors versus companies differ in economic development.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 1, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

Strategic Planning:

EDO went through the list that was put together at the previous meeting. As the list was reviewed among the group items were added and changed in various categories.

A discussion on commonalities between municipalities and regional collaboration/partnering took place (i.e. AREA vs Regional).

The Secretary requested the EDO circulate the Strategic Planning list of items, with the changes that were made.

**Adjournment:**

**Resolution: 2016-64**

**Moved by:** Sharon Smith

**Seconded by:** Willy Hollett

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adjourn at 6:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting December 1, 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 Dunnnett**