

**February 2, 2017**  
**Township of Strong Municipal Office**

**Present:** Sundridge – Lyle Hall  
Strong – Les Blackwell  
South River – Sharon Smith  
Machar – Lynda Carleton  
Joly – Chris Nicholson  
AHCC Reps – Jennifer Farquhar, Emilio Foffano  
MNDM – Carole Mantha  
FedNor – Ron Begin

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Skye Buchanan

**Delegates:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Maurer – Recording Secretary  
John Santarossa – EDO

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Nicholson

**Resolution: 2017-08**

**Moved by: Les Blackwell**                      **Seconded by: Lynda Carleton**

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby accept the agenda for the February 2,  
2017 meeting as presented and/or amended. **Carried**

Amendments include:

David Gray – resolution request re participation in Marketing Partnership – Deferred to  
next meeting.

Jeff McLaren – request to have EDO attend new joint recreation group- committee  
supported. **Carried**

**Resolution: 2017-09**

**Moved by: Les Blackwell**

**Seconded by: Lyle Hall**

Whereas CAEDA approve \$400.00 to leverage funding for Immigration attraction (Resolution # 2016-61 dated Nov. 2, 2016), and;

Whereas funding was not approved;

Therefore be it resolved that CAEDA rescind Resolution # 2016-61 and hereby direct the \$400.00 to Curry Consulting for consulting services for immigration attraction initiatives.

Subject to contributions from the City of Timiskaming Shores and the Town of Cochrane.

**Carried**

**General Discussion:**

**FedNor Update** – Mr. Begin provided the committee with an update on the Canada 150 grant application process. He advised the Committee the program will be closing soon and interested groups should submit their applications in soon. The new funding allotment has not been announced at this time. Mr. Begin advised of a Funding Announcement event to be held in Huntsville in March announcing the many projects funded through FedNor in the Parry Sound Muskoka Region. An invitation was sent by email to CAEDA and will be forwarded to the members for consideration. Mr. Begin requested members advise him of their intention to attend the meeting and encouraged members and other politicians to attend.

**MNDM Update** – Ms. Mantha provided the committee with information regarding the RED program funding that was recently announced. The dates for submission were provided – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 has been set for the first round of submissions, and the Second round will be open from July to September 29, 2017 at 5 p.m. sharp. Should an organization submit an application, they will not receive confirmation for 4 months. There was a discussion regarding possible RED application projects, including preparing the Strategic Plan, marketing partnership with the Chamber and the 13 area municipalities.

**AHCC Update** – Ms. Jennifer Farquhar updated the committee on the activities of the Chamber. A letter was read from the President, Mr. Willy Howlett advising the Chamber would not be going through with a FAB event this year. A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes. The Chamber is holding their meeting on March 6, 2017. The Chamber is working on the 2017 Community Guide.

Carole Mantha and Ron Begin thanked Mr. Santarossa for his participation in recent presentations.

**EDO Report:** Mr. Santarossa provided the committee with a copy of his report, which is attached to the minutes. A proposed Confidentiality Agreement for Non-elected representatives was presented by the EDO. The committee felt that as these meetings are public meetings there is no need for this agreement. Enforcement of such an agreement is only possible should the committee have a code of conduct by-law along with an appointed Integrity Commissioner.

Hours of Work and Mileage rate discussion was brought forward by the EDO. The Contract currently states after hour and weekend meetings need to be approved by the Committee which is sometimes difficult to do. The Committee passed a resolution to amend Schedule B of the employment contract.

Mileage rates were discussed and each municipality provided their rates. No decision to amend was made at this time.

**Correspondence:**

The Resolution from the Township of Strong was read. The Clerk-Treasurer (Recording Secretary) provided the back ground for the resolution. The resolution was a recommendation only to CAEDA to ensure there is representation from the area on the Regional Marketing plan in conjunction with the area municipalities.

Curry Consulting correspondence was reviewed and a resolution passed.

**Resolution: 2017-10**

**Moved by: Lynda Carleton**

**Seconded by: Sharon Smith**

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adopt the minutes of regular meeting of January 5, 2017, as circulated. **Carried**

**Resolution: 2017-11**

**Moved by: Sharon Smith**

**Seconded by: Lyle Hall**

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve expenses up to and including February 2, 2017 in the amount of \$169.02, and authorize the administrator to issue cheques for the same. **Carried**

**Resolution: 2017-12**

**Moved by: Lynda Carleton**

**Seconded by: Lyle Hall**

The Committee support the appointment of John Santarossa to sit as our representative on the Almaguin Regional Economic Development Committee. **Carried**

**Resolution: 2017-13**

**Moved by: Les Blackwell**

**Seconded by: Sharon Smith:**

Therefore be it resolved the Committee amend Schedule "B" to remove the wording "Upon approval of the Committee" to permit bank time up to 35 hours. **Carried**

**Strategic Planning:** The committee discussed the Strategic Plan. Les Blackwell and John Santarossa will work on preparing information for the next meeting, along with a request for input from the members. The committee discussed possible funding application submitted through the RED grant to assist with the final preparation of the document.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday March 2, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

**Resolution: 2017-14**

**Moved by:** Les Blackwell

**Seconded by:** Lynda Carleton

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adjourn at 7:04 until the next regular meeting March 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Strong Township Municipal Office, or at the call of the Chair.

***Carried***

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**Chair, Chris Nicholson**

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**Recording Secretary, Linda Maurer**