

**BURK'S FALLS AND AREA
ALMAGUIN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(ACED)**

**MINUTES
June 17, 2019**

The meeting was held at the Strong Municipal Office on June 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Present: Tim Brunton, Township of Magnetawan
Barb Belrose, Village of Sundridge
Ron Begin, FedNor
Margaret Ann MacPhail, Township of Perry
Kelly Elik, Township of Strong
Willy Hollett, AHCC Representative
Celia Finley, Township of Ryerson
Tim Bryson, Township of Joly
Wendy Whitwell, Township of Armour
Lewis Hodgson, Village of Burk's Falls
Brenda Scott, Village of South River

Regrets: Melanie Alkins, ENDM

Staff: Nicky Kunkel, Village of Burk's Falls
John Theriault, Township of Armour
Dave Gray, Economic Development Officer
Nicole Fraser, Municipality of Magnetawan

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes

That the minutes of Monday May 27, 2019 meeting were adopted as circulated.

CEDO Report and Discussion

Dave Gray presented his monthly report which included an update on his activities over the last month.

The Communications Internship has been approved by NOHFC. The process to hire an intern has been initiated. A communications plan is being prepared and will be presented to the Board for approval.

The Central Almaguin First Impressions Community Exchange (FICE) and Almaguin Business Engagement/Support Model have been postponed to later in the summer or early fall.

The work on the Utilities Extension Project is ongoing. We are still collecting information to be forwarded to the utilities companies.

The CEDO attended a meeting of the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee to discuss physician recruitment. Plans are being considered to attract doctors and nurses to our area and to improve our communication between the committee and the health providers.

The CEDO is looking into the Federal Tourism Strategy. There is an opportunity to submit an application and secure funding for tourism related projects. There is also a possibility of a public/private partnership to put on events.

The CEDO is looking into the possibility of a continuing partnership with Discovery Routes to continue developing the CycleON provincial cycling network.

Businesses can apply to NECO to get interest free loans from the Flood Assistance Recovery Program to help with damage done by the recent floods.

FedNor/MENDM

An update was given on the work FedNor and MENDM are doing to help economic development in the region. We are still waiting on a decision on the CIINO grant.

Position Descriptions

The Board postponed the discussion on the position descriptions to the July 15, 2019 meeting.

Other Business

The Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce is inviting all board members to attend the launch party for the 2019 Community Guide & Directory which will be held on June 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Near North Enviro-Education Centre.

Resolutions

1. 2019-008 - Moved by Brenda Scott; Seconded by Tim Bryson;
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Board approve the minutes of May 27th, 2019 as amended.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday July 15, 2019 at the Strong Municipal Office.