

## **Pontiac Chamber of Commerce**

### **General Meeting**

**Sept. 24, 2008 6:00 p.m.**

**RA Hall, Campbell's Bay, Québec**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.
2. The agenda was approved. Motioned by Doug Gauthier, seconded by Dan Egan.
3. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting,
4. President's Opening Remarks: Last week, the first of a monthly newsletter was sent out. The Chamber is hoping to sign 400 to 500 members. A successful all candidates' debate will be good for the Chamber.
5. Committee Reports:
  - a) Finance: There are three members on this committee: Betsy, Doug Gauthier, and Peter Smith. A prospective budget will be available for the December General Meeting. The administration budget is \$1,400.

Total Assets:	\$ 7,236.95
Total Liabilities:	\$4,312.88
Balance Remaining:	\$2,924.07

- b) Provincial / Federal Government relations / Fuel Tax: There are four members on this committee: Todd Hoffman, Jim, Betsy Farrell, and Tom Orr. The issues of municipal tendering, transportation, and fuel tax are expressed to the MLA. Four sub committees were set up: Transportation, Buy Local/Shop Local, Regional Database, and Fuel Tax, which is headed by Tom Orr. The next quarterly meeting is in November.

It is believed that over \$1 million goes over the bridge.

- c) Transportation: Jim Thompson will be going on the Pontiac-Pembroke railway, which leaves Ottawa and goes to Pembroke. The railway would have a long-term potential for the Pontiac. A meeting in November has been set up with Charlotte to discuss paving of the highway shoulders, and the bike path.
      - d) Membership services: The first of a monthly newsletter has been sent out. Members should consider submitting articles to the editor and chief. Please let Betsy know if you prefer receiving the newsletter via mail or e-

mail. Luc Lapointe is sending a mail-out to businesses to encourage them to join the Chamber.

The Regional Database is 3 to 6 months in the making. It will be easier for everyone to make use of the data. It allows members to fill out forms and the database will be updated.

The new website will be up October 6 with a new address. Betsy requires all members' current information.

Betsy needs details by the end of September on the Business-to-Business discount. To get this discount, you must display your membership card.

e) Strategic Planning: A business plan will be available for the next meeting.

f) Bylaws: Will be available at next meeting.

6. New Business:

a) Fundraising Committee and ideas needed: **Volunteers are needed.**

b) Membership drive: Jim Thompson encourages members to get other businesses to sign up.

c) Other: The problem with logging roads that are in disrepair was brought up. This issue will be brought to Charlotte's attention in November. A good policy must be set up. **10% of land is private and 90% is public.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. Motioned by Denis Lebrun.