

Harrow & Colchester Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. - Harrow Community Arena, Harrow

Attendees: Bill Baker, Derek Didone, Peter Timmins, Jill Marontate, Murdo McLean, Tim Smeltzer, Marilyn McLean, Corrie Bramhall, Jennifer Ring, Connie Vollans

Reports / Business:

- **Call to order:** Murdo McLean called the meeting at 8:00 a.m.
- **Approve agenda:** motion made by Derek Didone, seconded by Peter Timmins – carried
- **Minutes of August 21st, 2013:** motion by Connie Vollans, seconded by Derek – carried
- **Financial report:** Tim Smeltzer motioned to pay outstanding bills (Harrow News - \$96.63), seconded by Corrie Bramhall – carried. Tim also made note that the budget would be presented at the next meeting.
- **Website:** Need to get the word out again, the clubs & organizations need to inform us of events or actually go to the site and submit themselves. Suggestion that we need another media release reminding clubs of the new site. Continue to run the banner ads in the Harrow News.
- **Banners & Lights:** Several businesses are requesting banners since the installation around town, as well as a couple banners still need to be hung. The banners have been well received with positive remarks from the town. We will contact James Gibb for a cost for more banners.
Issues are ongoing with the LED lights – Terry Brockman is now retired and Bill Baker has been in contact with John Olsen and a meeting will take place between E.L.K., Bill Baker, Peter Timmins & Murdo McLean.
Jeff Watson was the one to put together the proposal in the first place for the installation of the banners and the removal of the lights, we need to figure out what the problem is and if it can be fixed, can they be returned to the manufacturers?
- **South Shore Alliance: Bill Baker** – Leamington, Amherstburg, Kingsville & Harrow – can we work together at events and share ideas & initiatives. A meeting will be planned for early October with the 4 presidents of the different Chambers and a guest speaker to raise profiles and work together and create business development.
- **Other Business:** Marilyn McLean reported from the Essex Mural Committee, looking to expand the painting of the Bell Boxes, possible Back Alley Paintings, and Murals on businesses. All positive feedback.
- **Next Meeting:** October 16th, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m. - Harrow Arena Community Room
- **Adjournment:** 9:00 a.m., by Murdo McLean