

**Harrow & Colchester South Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of Meeting**

November 20th, 2013 8:00 a.m. - Harrow Community Arena, Harrow

Attendees: Murdo McLean, Jill Marontate, Peter Timmins, Corrie Bramhall, Derek Didone, Jennifer Ring, Tim Smeltzer, Bill Baker, Connie Vollans, guest – Nicole Foran (United Communities Credit Union)

Reports/Business

- **Call to order:** Murdo McLean called meeting @ 8:00 a.m.
- **Approve agenda:** with addition of introducing Nicole Foran as guest – motion by Connie Vollans, 2nd by Peter Timmins
- **Approve minutes of Oct. 16th, 2013:** motion by Jill Marontate, 2nd by Corrie Bramhall
- **Approve Financial Statement & payable:** notes of interest – Tim mentioned that Web Planet is still outstanding and they are working with us for final payment in 2014 - motion by Tim Smeltzer, 2nd by Peter Timmins
- **Chamber Benefits** – Tim Smeltzer will be looking into this – TD debit machines – no longer offering discounts to business Chamber members
- **Banners:** There are still banners missing, possibly when the lights went up – Murdo will look into the whereabouts. James Gibb quoted a price of \$230.00, since we originally spent \$150.00 we will look at other options....Laser Art, Web Planet, etc.
- **Christmas Store front or window decorating contest:** there has been one submission to date, flyers have been handed out as well
- **Incorporation:** We are now Incorporated and we need to provide Director updates with annual filing. Peter Timmins made a motion to accept the services of Dave Campbell and continue working on our behalf, 2nd by Jill Marontate. Tim Smeltzer made a motion to make Dave an honorary member of our Chamber, 2nd by Jennifer. Murdo McLean to check whether or not it would be a conflict of interest??
- **Annual Meeting:** December 18th, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. - Drifters
- **South Shore Alliance:** Bill Baker, Tim Smeltzer & Murdo McLean attended the last meeting on November 6th, towns involved – Amherstburg, Harrow, Kingsville & Leamington – discussion around community strengths & weaknesses, & breakdown of membership. The next meeting will be at the Carnegie Building on Dec. 4th in Kingsville
- Murdo McLean introduced Nicole Foran from United Communities Credit Union, she is from Leamington, and has been in the banking industry for about 20 years. She enjoys Harrow and is looking forward to all the good things coming to town.

A particle list of our strengths & weaknesses: approx. 90% industrial, central area for wineries, (18 along the Lake Erie North Shore), southern climate & agriculture, the harbour, our proximity to the U.S. Border, Health Centre, Research Station, our own

water system, areas for expansion, just to name a few. We have a Community Improvement Plan committee in place that will hopefully help out.
Weaknesses – lack of accommodations, townhouses for seniors, lack of retail/restaurants, downtown parking.

Adjourned – Murdo moved to adjourn and 2nd by Peter Timmins