



# Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Thursday January 24, 2019, 7 pm

Seeley's Bay Community Hall

Minutes

## **Chamber Members in Attendance**

John Sideris – President – Wings Live Bait & Tackle

Annick Rousseau – Treasurer – Berry Homestead Farm

Dawne Fiegen – recording Secretary – Wiltse Creek Studio

Tanya Hammond Director – Eastern Ontario Financial

Irene Davelaar-Director – Sliabhin Custom Apparel

Mary Whitney-Director – ShaBean

John Barker – ShaBean

Scott Gerrie – 1000 Island Septic & Construction

Robert Taillon – Robs Shop

Jean- Sebastien Gagne – Berry Homestead Farm

Wendy Banks – Wendy's Country Market, Furnace Falls Farm

Chuck Galway – Lyndway Hills Golf Club

## **Guest Speakers**

Corinna Smith- Gatke – Mayor, Township Leeds and the Thousand Islands

Amy Webb – Economic Development, Leeds and the Thousands Islands

Gordon Ohlke – Councillor, Ward 2, Leeds and the Thousand Islands

Mark Jamison – Councillor, Ward 2, Leeds and the Thousand Islands

## **Correspondence/Updates- John Sideris**

January 7, – Public Info Meeting regarding the closing of St. Luke’s Anglican Church. 1:00 PM at the Lyndhurst Legion, 306 Lyndhurst Road.

August/September 2019 – The archaeological dig continues at Furnace Falls. For more information, please contact Art Shaw.

May 2 – 5 – Registration is now open for the 2019 Ontario Chamber of Commerce AGM and Convention. If any member is interested in attending, the chamber may be able to offer some compensation. Please contact OCC Website for details.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has announced a new member benefit program with CAA Insurance for Ontario members. Effective February 5, Ontario Members qualify for exclusive group, home and auto rates. For details, please visit the Canadian Chamber of Commerce website.

Member Karen Cornish of Kingstons Finest Value & Savings is offering an advertising discount for Chamber Members in the Kingston or Brockville issues of their magazine. For more information, please contact Karen at [www.finestvalues.com](http://www.finestvalues.com)

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Discussed the new roles of council members, the opportunity for business owners to be part of the Business Chronicles and the role of the PEER group.

The PEER group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8 am and consists of representatives of the community groups from each of the 4 villages, Chambers of Commerce and FABR. The purpose of this group, along with community beautification is to share information and ideas. The Chamber is looking for a representative to sit on this committee. For more information, please contact John.

Some of the planning issues in the Township as well as upcoming roads and bridges upgrades, the Phone and Internet-Infrastructure Committee to improve services within the Township

There are drop in sessions every Thursday afternoon from 1 – 4 pm to discuss issues regarding your goals and issues.

Steps that the Township has taken to become investment ready and steps that still need to be taken.

The Digital Transformation Grants available for small businesses to improve their adoption of technologies to better promote themselves online. Information for this grant can be found at [digitalmainstreet.ca/Ontario](http://digitalmainstreet.ca/Ontario).

The Diversity in Tech workshop will be held in Gananoque on Monday Feb. 4 at the Firehall Theatre. Tickets are available at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

### **November 2018 Minutes**-Dawne Fiegen

The November minutes of the Chamber meeting were presented by Dawne Fiegen. Motioned by Tanya Hammond that the minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Rob Tallion. Passed

### **November 2018 Treasurers Report**- Annick Rousseau

The November Treasurers report was read with updates from December. Motioned by Tanya Hammond that it be accepted as presented with one change regarding a payment that was not issued to Tanya for a webinar course that was cancelled. Seconded by Scott Gerrie. Passed.

### **Membership Report**- Annick Rousseau

In 2018, the Chamber had 52 members and emails have been sent to potential members in our Area. If you know of a business that would like to become a member, please let John or Annick know. Or have the Business contact the Executive.

### **Website/Facebook** - Tanya Hammond

Tanya reported that the webinar she was to take to improve her skills at promoting the Chamber online was cancelled.

She continues to update the Facebook page and Website as needed.

### **Rural Business and Agriculture Networking Event**- Tanya Hammond/John Sideris

Combined Event with the Gan Chamber to network and showcase Rural Business Agri Business. There has been tremendous response to this event at Furnace Falls Farm on January 29 and the guest list has been closed due to spacing.

### **Lyndhurst Update**- Terri Dawson via email

The 2018 Shop and Hop was a very successful day with all businesses reporting a great turn out.

The LRC will meet next in early April and hold elections for the executive. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Terri Dawson at the Green Gecko.

### **Seeley's Bay Update**- Mary Whitney

SBARA is very appreciative of the improvements made by the Township to the Community Hall Above the Fire Hall. The fresh paint, lighting and sound improvements has made it brighter and more functional.

Plans are in the works for repairs to the Vita Parcours trail in the spring.

New entrance and wayfinding signs are in the works to reflect a coordinated look for the whole township.

Frost Fest 2019 runs from Friday Feb 1 to Sunday Feb. 3. with lots of free activities for the whole family.

"Druids, Dreams, Dragons & Doctors is the next Storyfest at the Community Hall with Dr. James Raffan on Sunday Feb 10. In this series, Jim is chasing his own Celtic and Nordic roots.

### **Gan Chamber Update**-Michelle Moulton via email

The Gan Chamber has a New Executive & still one position to fill – treasurer.

AGM to be held late Feb, early March.

An events list for 2019 is in place with several events not finalized.

**Directory Update**-John Sideris

The cut off date for Members to have their listing in the new Directory is March 1. Any 2019 membership Renewals received after this date might not be in the directory. Rob Tallion to assist John with the directory. Rob & John will be each contacting half the members in the Month of February. Finest Values out of Seeleys Bay won the Bid to print the Directory at the last meeting.

**Solar Lights Update**- Scott Gerrie

Scott is looking to buy whole sale for a quality light. This way we don't replace the lights every year & The Chamber saves some money.

**First Aid Course update**-John Sideris

Chamber will be paying for up to 1 ½ Seats per Business for The First Aid Course being held at the Lyndhurst Fire Hall. Dates & Cost to be emailed out

**New Business**

The President discussed supporting 3 local fairs, Lansdowne, Delta and Athens with some sponsorship monies from the Chamber and recommended that each receive \$100.00. Dawne proposed that we support this idea. Seconded by Jean-Sebastien. Passed.

Wings Live Bait and Tackle is hosting their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Derby and requested \$50.00 from the Chamber towards prizes. For Oldest & Youngest Participant. Dawne motioned that the Chamber support this event. Seconded by Rob Tallion. Passed

The 1000 Islands Gananoque 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business Showcase is taking application for booths at their event held at the arena. The Lyndhurst, Seeleys Bay & District Chamber will be setting up a Booth at this Event (Tanya Hammond & Annick Rousseau will be operating the booth). For more info regarding this event, contact the Gan Chamber of Commerce. Members of Gan Chamber receive a discount.

Next Meeting is at the Lyndhurst Fire Hall Thursday 28 Feb 7 pm

The meeting closed at 8:58