

**SOUTH ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE /
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER COMMITTEE**

JOINT MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the South Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee (SAHEDC) and the Community Development Officer Committee (CDO) was held at the Burk's Falls Municipal Office on Monday September 8th 2014 at 6:00PM.

In attendance: Councillor Rosalind Hall, Councillor Lewis Hodgeson, Councillor Rod Blakelock, Anna Branch, Wendy Whitwell, Willy Hollett and David Gray.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

Minutes from the August 18th meeting were read. Motion to accept by Councillor Hodgeson and seconded by Councillor Hall.

CDO REPORT

Discussion on Small Business Week presentation ideas. Customer service standards is an option. Other topics are being considered with a focus on cost. There is potential to have local expertise present certain topics. David will contact the Women's Own Resource Centre for other topic suggestions.

Discussion on the potential extension of the Lakeland Network fibre lines to the North end of Ontatio Street (Lofthouse). Emphasis was placed on the opportunity for the municipalities to share the extended line.

Terms of Reference

Discussion on section 3.5 regarding voting structure and equality. It was decided that in order to pass a motion to recommend the annual draft budget to the three municipalities, a council member from each constituent municipality must be in favor to pass the motion. All other decisions will be passed by a simple majority vote.

Other minor changes were recommended and made pertaining to wording and grammar.

Sweater Weather Tour Budget

David presented the Sweater Weather Advertising Breakdown to the committee and requested that SAHEDC support the Sweater Weather tour financially to assist with advertising.

Motion to support the Sweater Weather Tour advertising costs as listed: Moved by Councillor Hall, Seconded by Councillor Blakelock. PASSED

New Business:

Chamber of Commerce Strategic Plan – Willy Hollett informed the committee that the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce will be preparing a strategic plan throughout September. The goal is to have it completed by the beginning of October. David will assist with this process wherever necessary.

Letter of Support for the Fox and Ktye Public House – Councillor Hodgson requested that the committee consider issuing a letter of support to assist with expediting the liquor application process for The Fox and Ktye Public House.

Motion to issue support letter to Fox an Kyte: Moved by Councillor Hodgson, Seconded by Councillor Hall. PASSED

Nest Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on October 20th at 6PM in the Burk's Falls Municipal Office.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM