

# Brighton and District Chamber of Commerce 2010 Annual General Meeting Feb. 25, 2010

Location – Masonic Hall  
Reception: 6:00 pm - Dinner: 6.30 pm

## Minutes

### 1) Welcoming of special guests

- Theo welcomes all special guest including the guest speaking panel
- Panel Speakers – Chris Herrington – Municipality of Brighton, Ron Waddling – Brighton Arts Council, Marc Coombs – Cramahe Township, Doug Birch - ENSS, Tom Mates – Presquile Provincial Park
- Municipality of Brighton – Craig Kerr, Emily Rowley, Vaughn Finch
- Cramahe Township – Rebecca Goddard-Sarria
- MP – Rick Norlock
- Theo welcomed all members and guests
- Total 63 members and guest were in attendance.

### 2) O Canada

- The singing of O'Canada was led by Lauren Johnston from myFM

### 3) Dinner

### 4) Call to order 7:49pm by John Ostapuk

### 5) Executive Remarks

- 2009 was a great year
- Thank you to George Lucas for his service of the years without him we would not be where we are today.
- Thanks to new staff Gina Cowan and Lee Ostapuk for embracing new roles.
- Country Living Show in 2009 was a success and we have begun to prep for this years show and is proving to be bigger and better then ever.
- Golf Tournament in 2009 raised over \$5000 for Brighton Children Centre.
- The Chamber has named The ENSS Track and Sports Centre as the 2010 Charity which will be supported with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament and the Country Living Show.
- After Hours Networking started in May 2009 and have proved to be very successful events bringing out more and more people each event.
- Breakfast meeting continue to be great with some really good speakers in 2009 we hope to continue this momentum for 2010.
- Chamber took over the Apple Route and has seen some positive revitalization with funding for highway 2 signage and other funding in the works.
- 2009 was the first full year under the tourism contract with the municipality. Despite the recession and relatively poor weather tourism numbers were up from 2008. We had visitors from all over the world.
- 2010 will provide even more opportunity for the chamber to grow its membership and represent the businesses in Brighton and surrounding area.
- We are always looking to improve and if anyone has ideas please bring them forth and tell us how we can help.

6) **Financial Report:**

Vice President John Ostapuk stated that 2009 has been a good year and we were able to start 2010 with a small surplus.

John then presented the following reports:

- 2008 Financial Statements
- 2009 Budget

7) **Motion:** to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2009 AGM

Moved by: Theo Georgatos  
Seconded by: Don Parks  
Carried: Unanimously

8) **Motion:** to accept all reports and approve the actions of the Board of Directors during the past year - **John**

Moved by: Ken Prue  
Seconded by: Theo Georgatos  
Carried: Unanimously

9) **Nomination of the 2009/2010 Board of Directors**

Nominated:

- ❖ Don Parks – President
- ❖ Theo Georgatos – Vice-President
- ❖ John Ostapuk – Treasurer
- ❖ Ken Prue – Director
- ❖ Cynthia Lecours – Director
- ❖ George Kamphorst –Director
- ❖ Steve Cooper –Director
- ❖ Steve White –Director
- ❖ DBIA Rep. - Wayne Armstrong
- ❖ Brighton Municipality Rep. - Emily Rowley
- ❖ Brighton Arts Council Rep. – Catherine Stutt
- ❖ ENSS Rep. Christopher Grouchy
- ❖ Mary Robertson – Past President

**Motion:** to accept the slate of officers for 2009/10 as presented

Moved by: Helen Dyson  
Seconded by: Penny Olorenshaw  
Carried: Unanimously

10) **Acknowledge of Past Service**

Theo Georgatos acknowledged the service of past directors from 2009.

- ❖ Cindy Lewis – DBIA Representative
- ❖ Ralph Villman - Director
- ❖ Casey Haig- Director
- ❖ Malcolm Schofield – BAC Representative

11) **Remarks from New President – Don Parks**

- Don Parks is excited to begin his position as President.
- Moving to Brighton only 2 years ago has shown Don what a great place this is.
- Don sees no huge changes that need to be made
- Looking forward to what the next year will bring for our Chamber.

## 12) Presentation of Business Excellence Awards

### Nominees:

#### Best New Business

- ✚ ***End of The Thread Cafe*** – Tracey Acker
- ✚ ***Lola's Coffee House*** -- Todd Arthur
- ✚ ***G. Boyd Boutique*** – Gina Boyd

This award honours a business in its first, second or third year of operation and has demonstrated business excellence in any or all of the following areas:

- Growth
- Community involvement
- Created new employment opportunities
- Expanded or enhanced their facility
- Sound employee relations
- A commitment to customer service.

[The recipient is ---Lola's Coffee House – Todd Arthur](#)

#### General Business of the Year

- ✚ ***Willow Publishing*** – Dan Weiss
- ✚ ***Mrs. B's Country Candy*** – Lorie Boychuk
- ✚ ***No Frills*** – Mike Van Haarlem
- ✚ ***Sobey's*** – Patrick Begbie

This award honours a business that has demonstrated business excellence in any or all of the following areas:

- The business must be a member in good standing of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce.
- The business must have an established reputation for providing a superior level of customer service.
- The business uses ingenuity and innovation to overcome challenges and compete in the marketplace
- This employer participates in and/or supports community activities
- The business focus on purchasing supplies locally
- The general appearance of the business premises are property attractive, well-kept and aesthetically appealing
- Employee relations/recognition.
- Employment growth.

[The recipient is – Mrs. B's Country Candy – Lorie Boychuk](#)

#### Business Person of the Year

- ✚ ***Roger Cheer*** – Cheer Homes
- ✚ ***Gordon Tobey*** -- Gordon Tobey Developments Ltd.
- ✚ ***Mike Van Haarlem*** -- No Frills

To recognize a business person that exemplifies outstanding business practices and achievements, that demonstrates leadership, vision, and the creation of economic

**growth, while contributing to the community. This local business person is an excellent role model and is seen as a leader in the business community.**

**CRITERIA:**

- **A model for business excellence**
- **Has achievements that best illustrate leadership and vision**
- **Demonstrates a high standard of ethical practices and professionalism**
- **Invests in Brighton**
- **Creates employment in Brighton**
- **Benefits other businesses in Brighton**
- **Volunteers their service to the community**

[The recipient is – Roger Cheer – Cheer Homes](#)

**Congratulations to all of these outstanding nominees who have been recognized and honoured by their peers.**

**13) Closing remarks – John**

- **John thanked all for attending the 2009/10 AGM.**
- **Made mention that we are a Small Chamber trying to increase membership, grow and continue to be successful.**
- **Congratulations to the new Directors**

**14) Motion to Adjourn 2009/10 AGM : 8:30pm**

Moved by: Gina Boyd  
Seconded by: Angie Rinaldi

Introduction of Guest Speakers panel Discussion

Tom Mates:

- Tom Mates said he was thrilled to be able to take care of the most precious pieces of land each and everyday.
- 200,000 people visit the park each year. The park is open year round camping is April – October.
- The park has many different programs from birding to the Monarch butterflies migrant weekend.
- The Friends of Presquile raised the money and built the boardwalk. The Board Walk has raised visitation in the last year.
- Christmas at Presquile is having it's 18<sup>th</sup> year in 2010.
- The Park hires many local students
- The Shuttle Bus was launched in 2009 and brings the park folks into town on Saturdays during the summer. This will be the second year of the project and plans to have more stops and bring people into the park as well this year.

Chris Herrington:

- Congrats to all winners of the Business Excellence Awards.
- Brighton is a community of many small communities
- We strive for quality of life and quality of place. We take pride in our community.
- Focus on growing responsibly
- Thanks to the DBIA and Chamber for all the work they do for the community.
- Over 230 new jobs will be created with the new Craft Development project.
- Municipality is in partnership with ENSS for the new track and sports field. They will be matching dollar for dollar what gets donated up to \$200,000. The first fundraiser is March 5<sup>th</sup> at the community centre 6:30-8:30
- Vision for recreation and Green Space will have official plan late spring 2010.

- Budget will be passed at the next council meeting.

Mark Coombs:

- New School opening in Castleton in September. Work is underway on this 6 million dollar project.
- Project on Waste Water Treatment Plant will make it so Colborne can now grow. This is a 6.2 Million dollar project.
- Cramahe has great ties to surrounding communities Brighton, Colborne, Warkworth.

Ron Waddling:

- Arts have many ties to Commerce that is not always immediately understood, but look around wherever you are or work and you will see arts in some form.
- Many success stories in Brighton and a art history worthy of future development and promotion.
- Janice Platt was educated at ENSS and is the founding partner in Atlantis Alliance one of the largest most profitable movie producers in the world. Janice is also an Academy Award winner.
- Brighton resident Deepa Mehta was nominated in 2007 for an Academy Award for her movie Water.
- Jan Urquhart internationally acclaimed author writes novels using the setting of her homestead in Cramahe township as a backdrop. Jane still owns the property and visits regularly.
- Peter Doig is the only living painter to sell a piece for 10 million dollars. This is the highest figure for any living artist.
- The Da Vinci Code movie artwork and the board game was designed by Bill Lewochko of Brighton.
- This is to just name a few.
- Ron thanked all the existing supporters of the BAC and those businesses that have BAC member art in there establishments.
- Ron spoke of 20 years ago when he video taped Bill Hutchinson of Ernst & Young as he described something he called the International Highway. He was describing split second start communication between all over the world from the top of your desk. He of course now we know he was describing in abstract the internet.

Doug Birch:

- Very proud of ENSS and all that is had to offer.
- ENSS provided education to children grades 9-12 from Brighton, Trenton, Colborne, Codrington, and many students come in from further being driven by parents.
- ENSS is a school of choice.
- 1350 Students make it easy for ENSS to offer a diverse group of programs.
- Gifted and Enriched program will begin next year.
- ENSS have been track champs for a quarter of a century.
- ENSS leads in technology in Ontario
- This year is a musical year and ticket will be on sale soon for Seussical the Musical.
- Looking for community support for the Track and Sports field project.