

**SHEDDEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**September 19, 2007**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Ted Clague	President
	Jean Grenier	Vice-President
	Jocelyne Bishop	Secretary-Treasurer
	John Bois	Director
	John Raniowski	Director
	Diane Boulrice	Director
	Pam Lortie	Recording Secretary
	Lisa Kelly	Web-Site Co-ordinator
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Jeannette D. Lortie	Director
	Rick Story	Director
	Liz Brownrigg	Events Co-ordinator

**ABSENT:**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked for disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof. None was disclosed.

**Resolution #07-80**

**Moved by:** Jocelyne Bishop

**Seconded by:** John Raniowski

**Resolved That** the agenda be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**Delegation:** Mr. Jean Gauvin, Le Conseil Scolaire Catholique du Nouvel-Ontario attended at the request of the SCDC. Ted asked Mr. Gauvin to give an outline of the status of the Ste-Anne school. School is Kindergarten to Grade 6. No registration this year for Pre-Kindergarten. Enrolment is down in the area and all schools are being affected. School will not be closed this year unless there is a further drop in the enrolment by another 10 or so students. Community has to realize that the school is the community and sending their children to outside schools does not help. As long as there is enrolment, the school will remain open. Mr. Gauvin had a copy of the school policy, which he gave to the Board. Would have to be announced before end of September, then a study completed before the end of October and recommendation made for the next school year. The committee would be made up of administrative personnel. School enrolment presently at 19. Why were grade 7&8 moved? Reason – socialization, not enough enrolment. Hasn't had a Board meeting yet, so doesn't know if the low enrolment will be discussed at the meeting. Closing of Ste-Anne is not in the forecast, however there is addressed in their policy. In the history of Ste-Anne, they have never been under review. Various repairs have been done recently.

Smaller schools have access to more funding, but once the enrolment drops to a certain level this extra funding does help.

John Bois asked if there was an advertising and promotion strategy promoting the individualized program at Ste-Anne. These programs are very expensive elsewhere and there are parents that are paying a lot of money to have this type of program for their children in larger centres.

John Raniowski asked what the qualifications were for students to attend the French Catholic school. This is covered under the Charter of Rights. If the student is not covered by the Rights then there is an Admission Committee that reviews their application. English is taught from Grade Four forward.

Mr. Gauvin's one point that he wanted to put forth tonight was that the survival of the schools in Spanish comes down to the community and whether or not they want the schools.

Jean Grenier advised that the SCDC is working on a web-page and it might be nice to have a link to the schools. Perhaps the SCDC could promote the schools.

John Bois wanted to know what the community people can do – link on web is a good idea. Mr. Gauvin found that when he worked as principal this community really worked together. Often had 200 people at a Christmas concert when the enrolment was only 26.

Mr. Gauvin will keep the Board of Directors up to date through Jean Grenier.

**Mr. Bob Cochrane** attended the meeting. He discussed the wind power meeting that was held about a year ago with Mr. Gagnon. Mr. Cochrane has been working with a company in Montreal and is waiting to hear on his approval on an under 10 megawatt project – this would be 4-5 wind turbines. Spanish's local distribution terminal could handle 9.8 megawatts without having to upgrade the infrastructure. Could build a 50 megawatt farm, but then you would deal with wholesale. There are a variety of programs for wind power. Used wind atlas and readings from local wind turbine to determine wind in the area. Mr. Cochrane's proposal includes his site being located on a 30 metre ridge. This increases the height of an 80 metre turbine and increases the wind.

John Bois asked Mr. Cochrane if he would come back when he hears from the company from Montreal. Mr. Cochrane said that he would.

**Lisa Kelly** attended the meeting. Lisa has been hired as the Web-Site Co-ordinator. Ted introduced Lisa to the Board. Lisa is currently setting up her equipment at the Library. Information of the Spanish web-site is out of date. Lisa has been working on a logo. Information required – updated list of directors, updated workplan, goals and objectives, pictures of directors, how e-mails should be set up. Domain names available –

SheddenCorp or SheddenCorporation. The consensus of the Board was SheddenCorp.com.

The question arose on when the page should be launched. Bryan Mackay advised that although Lisa is on a program for 6 months, he could extend to a year.

Suggest having the Mid-North Monitor and The Standard to interview both Liz and Lisa in about a month.

Web-Site to be a marketing tool for Spanish.

Lisa was advised that Council will be hosting a Public Information Open House on October 3, 2007 at 7 pm and this may be a good thing for her to attend.

**Resolution #07-81**

**Moved by:** John Raniowski

**Seconded by:** Jocelyne Bishop

**Resolved That** the following minutes be accepted as presented:

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting – August 22, 2007

**Carried**

**Reports:**

John Bois suggested that the newspapers be contacted to do a story on the success of the Farmers' Market. John will follow up on this.

**Resolution #07-82**

**Moved by:** Jocelyne Bishop

**Seconded by:** John Raniowski

**Resolved That** the following reports be accepted as presented:

- a. Disbursement Sheet for the period ending September 13, 2007
- b. Trial Balance to August 31, 2007

**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**Resolution #07-83**

**Moved by:** Jocelyne Bishop

**Seconded by:** John Raniowski

**Resolved That** Discussion Paper on Information, Promotion and Welcome Package be forwarded to the Events Co-ordinator and Web-Site Co-ordinator to review.

**Carried**

Ted will look into the possibility of hiring an Intern for marketing the community.

**Correspondence – Information**

**Resolution #07-84**

**Moved by:** John Raniowski

**Seconded by:** Jocelyne Bishop

**Resolved That** the following correspondence be noted:

- a. Spanish Market – Proceeds to Date
- b. Report by Liz Brownrigg, Events Co-ordinator

**Carried**

**New Business:**

Liz Brownrigg, Events Co-ordinator was not able to attend the meeting tonight. She attended a Tourism Workshop in Sault Ste. Marie today, however Liz did provide a written report.

Liz is working on a large event for next June. This will be a 12 hour “Dry Concert”, and she has made several contacts to date.

An information session is scheduled in Spanish on October 10, 2007 with the Ontario Arts Council.

**Public Information Open House** – Council is holding an open house on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and are inviting all non-profit groups and organizations to participate. Liz and Lisa will be asked to man an information booth for the Shedden Corp.

**Resolution #07-85**

**Moved by:** Jocelyne Bishop

**Seconded by:** John Raniowski

**Resolved That** we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the President.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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President

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Recording Secretary