

PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

**Minutes from the Board of Director's Meeting
March 8, 2010**

Present:

John Wilson	George Sutherland	Dave Campbell
Gary Shultz	Savas Kekkas	Jeff Szumlanski
Peter Dunnett	Councillor Joyce MacLeod-Kane	
Dawn Ellis-Thornton (recorder)		

Regrets: Councillor Leonore Foster Jean Cooper Mark Murphy

Also in Attendance: John Uliana

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 pm on Monday, March 8, 2010 at the Pittsburgh Township Library, by the Chair John Wilson.

2. Proof of Notice

Provided

3. Pecuniary Interests/Conflict of Interest

None reported

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1 Move report of Nominating Committee up to #5 on the agenda

4.2 Add notice of motion to new business

Moved by: George Sutherland

Resolution 2010/15

Seconded by: Savas Kekkas

That we approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

5. Report of Nominating Committee – John Uliana

The Nominating Committee fulfilled its mandate to ensure sufficient nominees are received to fill the three (3) rotating vacancies on the Board. Five (5) names have been brought forward, however only four (4) completed forms have been received to date. Nominations may be accepted up to ten days prior to the AGM, however, to meet the publishing deadline of March 22nd, they will need to be received by March 17th to be included in the newsletter.

Moved by: George Sutherland **Resolution 2010/16**
Seconded by: Jeff Szumlanski
That the Board accept the Nominating Committee report and accept the four names as submitted. The fifth name to be accepted as soon as the appropriate paperwork is received.

CARRIED

6. Approval of Minutes - Monday February 22, 2010

The Board discussed and agreed upon amendments to the wording of the Project Committee report.

Moved by: Councillor Joyce MacLeod-Kane **Resolution 2010/17**
Seconded by: Savas Kekkas
That the Minutes be accepted as amended

CARRIED

7. Business Arising

Item 7.2 - George Sutherland advised that, as part of the Agreement, the City of Kingston will assume responsibility of the taxes for the soccer field property.

Item 7.2 – George Sutherland reported that he discussed the revised financial policy with Vicki Leakey from KPMG, who advised that the creation of a Rainy Day fund is not required as the intent is already covered in the policy. The Draft Financial Report is subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting.

8. Reports

8.1 Chair

A second letter of appreciation has been received from a St. Lawrence College bursary recipient.

8.2 Treasurer

Moved by: Jeff Szumlanski **Resolution 2010/18**
Seconded by: Dave Campbell
That the following invoice be paid
1) Dawn Ellis-Thornton \$195

CARRIED

8.3 Investment

In the past month, the financial advisor has invested in oil. In general, the February statements show the Fund's accounts are up between 2 and 5%. The next meeting of the Investment Committee is scheduled for March 29, 2010.

8.4 Projects Chair

Gary Shultz advised that he met with representatives from the Friends of LaSalle, who have accepted the motion to carry the project over two years.

Moved by: George Sutherland

Resolution 2010/19

Seconded by: Dave Campbell

That the PCBF Board support the project and fund \$50,000 in 2010 when the Limestone Board approves and submits invoice for payment, with the remaining \$50,000 to be funded in 2011.

CARRIED

8.5 Secretary

George Sutherland advised he had nothing further to report.

8.6 Soccer Fields Update

George Sutherland advised that the status of the land transfer remains with the solicitors, and that he will invite relevant representatives to the Annual General Meeting.

9. New Business

9.1 Notice of Motion –Fireworks – Councillor Joyce MacLeod-Kane presented a motion received from Don Graves for consideration at AGM. The motion reads as follows:

*“Whereas the city has been working to develop city parks across the whole city, and
Whereas the city has agreed to provide funding up to \$20,000 for Canada Day activities at Grasscreek Park, and
Whereas a fireworks display at Grasscreek Park would be an appropriate event to conclude the Canada Day activities,
Be it resolved that, the project plan submitted by Councillor Joyce MacLeod-Kane titled “Fire Works at Grass Creek Park – 2010” and calling for the provision of \$5,000 for Canada Day fireworks for this 1st of July 2010 be approved and funded.”*

The Board discussed its position on the motion, and after discussion, it was agreed that the motion will be included in newsletter without comment from the Board.

Moved by: Dave Campbell

Resolution 2010/20

Seconded by: George Sutherland

That the motion be moved to the Annual General Meeting without a recommendation from the Board.

CARRIED

The Board also discussed in length its position on the first Don Graves motion received at the 2009 AGM.

Moved by: George Sutherland
Seconded by: Peter Dunnett

Resolution 2010/21

That the Board does not support the motion for the following reasons:

“The Pittsburgh Council, in setting up the PCBF did not set out any specific support nor specific constraints for some named community groups. To do so now imposes commitments on future PCBF Boards and sets these groups at a disadvantage compared to other groups which do not have their requests capped by the Consumer Price Index. Currently the PCFB has control over project funding but, under this proposal, would lose accountability. Furthermore, in the second part of the motion, since there is no description of any improvements to Grass Creek Park, there is insufficient information available to appraise this proposal. Since Grass Creek Park belongs to the City of Kingston, the PCBF cannot move in and make changes without City approval”

CARRIED

Councillor Joyce MacLeod-Kane asked to be recorded as Opposed

9.2 Project letters and contracts.

Moved by: Gary Shultz
Seconded by: George Sutherland

Resolution 2010/22

That the Board approve delegating the preparation of the project letters and contracts to Dawn Ellis-Thornton.

CARRIED

10. Next Meeting

If required before the AGM, a meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2010. Dawn Ellis-Thornton to confirm via email.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Gary Shultz
Seconded by: Dave Campbell
That we adjourn at 7:59 pm

Resolution 2010/23

George Sutherland – Secretary

John Wilson – Chair