



SOUTH CENTRAL ONTARIO REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

DATE: January 29, 2016

LOCATION: 4 Elm Street Tillsonburg

PRESENT: Jim Oliver, Stephen Molnar, Robert Chambers, Charlie Luke, Ron Eddy, Ed Ketchabaw, David Mayberry, Brad Richards,

REGRETS: Jim Maudsley, Wayne Casier

STAFF: Art Lawson, Kimberly Earls

GUESTS: Vicki Luke, Richard Hamilton,

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Assigned to:</b>
1. Call to Order  Chair's Comments	J Oliver calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am Welcome and wishes everyone back. J Oliver comments that he attended the Future Oxford Expo and it was a very well done event and the speakers were very relevant.	
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	None Declared	
3. Adoption of Agenda	J Oliver calls for motion to adopt agenda as presented.  <u>MOTION 2016-01</u> Moved by D Mayberry and seconded by B Richards: "RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented."  <b>CARRIED</b>	
4. Approval of Previous Minutes	J Oliver reviews minutes from previous meeting with the Board. J Oliver calls for the approval of minutes as submitted.  <u>MOTION 2016-02</u> Moved by D Mayberry and seconded by C Luke: "RESOLVED THAT minutes from December 22, 2015 Board meeting be approved as submitted."  <b>CARRIED</b>	
5. Financial Report	R Chambers gives Treasurer's Report. The auditors report teleconference discussion will be Feb 9th at 11:00 am.  J Oliver calls for a motion to accept the financial report as presented.	

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	<p><u>MOTION 2016-03</u>                      Moved by R Chambers and seconded by D Mayberry:                      "RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted."  <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>J Oliver calls for a motion to accept the SCOR EDC budget for the 2016 year as presented.</p> <p><u>MOTION 2016-04</u>                      Moved by R Chambers and seconded by D Mayberry:                      "RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted."  <b>CARRIED</b></p>	
<p>6. General Manager's</p>	<p>A Lawson gives the general manager's report.</p> <p>Murray McLaughlin met in Ingersoll and Murray is developing a technology to go on well heads that have issues with nitrates and phosphates. The unit is ionic exchange technology and it can be re-used as fertilizer source.</p> <p>D Mayberry comments that recently Oxford County received a report from SWOTA and Network Southwest regarding the 1-4-10 proposal. Rather than build a high speed / high performance system the report recommends rebuilding the line we have now at basically one third of the price through Aldershot, Brantford, Woodstock, London, Chatham.                      The challenge for us is if we are going to have a good system how do we make those connections and build that interconnectivity. Oxford has some concerns at county level at the high speed rail pie in the sky infrastructure.</p> <p>AS this is a regional infrastructure issue and SCOR initially led the freight rail discussion back in January 2014 we should develop a response and actively participate with these two groups. SWOTA and TAC and Network Southwest will be hosting regional meetings: SCOR should develop a response and have GM and Board represented at these meetings.</p> <p>A Lawson comments that when working with Peter Crockett and Don Shropshire on the WOWC report we identified at a high level that the region should include a long term transportation strategy</p> <p>J Oliver reports to group about the potential plan for Minister Glen Murray. The Canadian Index of Wellness (Cancer Centre of Ontario), assessed counties under for their Wellness report and one of the areas was food supply and security of food supply. Out of the top 10 communities in Ontario 3 of the top 10 were within SCOR EDC foot print identifying that we do not have enough access to food.</p> <p>J Oliver met with fellow with the Ford Pickup that can be operated on methane-natural gas and gas at the Future Oxford event. It also helps protect water supply. Both are funded under the RED program</p> <p>A Lawson continues report:                      He has met with Chinese investor that is interested in the area they are part of a group that developed the John Deere plant in Welland. They do traditional Chinese medicines and would create a value chain in this region and they are</p>	<p><b>ACTION: A LAWSON</b> to connect with SWOTA / TAC/ Network Southwest to offer input and support and attend any meetings</p>

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	<p>looking at medical marijuana and doing fur-ther processing.                      J Oliver asks if this is the same group who was interested in the Delhi Research Station.                      Art, replies no they were Korean.</p> <p>There was an Indian food company that was looking for development in the region that we met with and they have a substantial food division and they do not have an R &amp; D department and thus are looking for licensing agreements and perhaps sourcing raw ingredients here.</p> <p>FoodHub -there were some good outcomes from the Browns and Huron launch event. J Oliver would like to promote more locally sourced products and facilitate meetings with LTC facilities.</p> <p>D Mayberry would be happy to initiate LTC discussion with Oxford County. J Oliver also reports to the group that Brad Richards has agreed to be the second SCOR Board member on the FoodHub Steering Committee.</p> <p>J Oliver asks about the public transit project would like to expand from local routing to a more regional project. He mentioned Regional Ride Share.</p> <p>ROMA delegation information is prepared and ready to be packaged for the conference.</p> <p>S Molnar comments that as a Board SCOR EDC should also develop a motion and that the message gets back to the five counties regarding our facilities to make local food purchasing priority.</p> <p>J Oliver calls for a motion for Board support in recognition of the value of locally produced and sourced food product as facilitated by the SCOR FoodHub initiative;                      AND FURTHER recognizing that the 5 corporate partners of SCOR EDC have municipally owned and operating Long Term Care facilities and that Board members would facilitate and support those discussions and relationships between municipally owned facilities and the SCOR FoodHub initiative</p> <p><u>MOTION 2015-05</u>                      Moved by S Molnar and seconded by D Mayberry: "RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of SCOR support a broad based approach to encourage municipally owned LTC facilities to participate in the benefits of the Food Hub program; AND FURTHER that a letter be forward to the Mayors or Wardens and CAOs of the five Counties."  <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>J Oliver calls for a motion to accept the General Manager's report as presented</p> <p><u>MOTION 2015-06</u>                      Moved by B Richards and seconded by D Mayberry :                      "RESOLVED THAT the General Managers report be accepted as submitted."  <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b>                      Staff to send email to D M regarding LTC local purchasing</p> <p><b>ACTION: A LAWSON</b>                      to connect and send this motion in support of local purchasing to all county councils upper and lower</p>


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7. OMAFRA	<p>V Luke gives OMAFRA update.</p> <p>Vicki will be covering Middlesex and Lambton and Richard Hamilton will be covering Oxford and Elgin. Nick will be covering the Brant and Norfolk area. Richard will be the point person going forward for SCOR EDC.</p> <p>Vicki gives update on all deadlines for upcoming funding programs.</p> <p>RED deadline is April 15, 2016            GF2 intake Feb 5-25, 2016            Food Processors March 4-24            Open now til Feb 16, 2016            Foodland event-marketing partnership program                New forms for that -contact Vicki if needed            Cluster Development Seed Fund -Deadline is March 1, 2016 for projects that will be going April 2016 -17 for one year pilot.            Local Food Investment Fund -March 30 for July 1, 2016 start date            BR &amp; E -training into part 1-March 1, 2 in Castleman            Last week for EmployerOne survey</p> <p>J Oliver asks about the announcements for potential grants and loans for natural gas service for rural areas and business. Are we any closer to a program being formulated to a more systematic program?</p> <p>Vicki comments that she will follow up regarding the natural gas program. Vicki comments that it may be structured as the Broadband program working with private, and municipal.</p> <p>B Richards comments that they did have a presentation from Union Gas out recently. They were looking for innovative way to pay for the capital infrastructure roll out.</p> <p>J Oliver asks for all reps to attend each meeting.</p>	
8. CFDC Report	None	
9. Correspondence	a. Letter from OMAFRA	
10. New Business	<p>A) Partnership Discussions            J Oliver asks about response from lower tier in Elgin.            S Molnar comments again we were pleased with Middlesex return to full partnership and we have value to all five partners.            S Molnar would also like to see the same effort put into Elgin's return to full partnership. Have a series of round table events across the county.</p> <p>A Lawson comments that we will have a facilitated session with our RAG to help re-focus SCOR EDC</p> <p>B Richards thanks Joanne Vanderheyden for support of SCOR EDC Board of Directors.            J Maudsley will be the other representative on the Board.</p> <p>S Molnar would like a separate meeting and agenda to discuss partnerships.            J Oliver would like to commit to setting the stage for re-evaluation of AGM and an opportunity for us to re-focus.</p>	

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	<p>A Lawson comments on the value in having progression in the executive and have a geographical change over in executive positions.</p> <p>J Oliver would be happy to step down as Chair. Is there a volunteer among the Board to work with Art on nominations committee?</p> <p>B Richards comments that he is fine with Art working with Board to develop potential executive.</p> <p>A Lawson comments that there is value in maintaining signing authority that we have.</p> <p>B) OTF We have discussed as part of the General Manager's report.</p> <p>C) ROMA The compiled list is part of the BOD package. MOECC meeting is confirmed for Feb 10 at 9:30 - J Oliver asks if, as the five County region we want to move forward and asks for comments for the delegations. A Lawson comments that K Earls sent request to all Counties in December and we have incorporated those responses into our delegation information.</p> <p>A Lawson comments that the MOECC project initially was a result of conversations K Earls had with MOECC staff and then SCOR was invited to the group session Minister Murray hosted at AMO in 2015. At that time SCOR was challenged to develop a plan that would focus on water and food security and opportunities in light of extreme weather events and climate change. We are identifying partners now and will develop the proposal for MOECC staff</p> <p>D Mayberry comments that the focus of the project could be both food security and production security. It would include population and production</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> A Lawson to identify possible dates and agenda for partner and AGM discussion for Board</p>
<p>11. Adjournment</p>	<p>J Oliver calls for motion to adjourn.</p> <p><u>MOTION 2016-07</u> Moved by R Chambers and seconded by E Ketchabaw : "RESOLVED THAT the SCOR EDC January 29, 2016 Board meeting adjourn at 10:41 am." <b>CARRIED</b></p>	

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors

  
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Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Prepared by: Kim Earls