

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, ON

May 8, 2007

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee of Council was held this afternoon with Chair Les Scott presiding and all members of the Committee in attendance with the exception of Mayor Jacyno, Councillor Lafreniere and Councillor White.

MINUTES:

On motion of Councillor Callaghan, seconded by Councillor Severin the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2007 were approved, as presented. CARRIED.

1. PHOENIX WARRIOR POKER RUN

Sue Ellis advised that this is a fundraising event planned for the weekend of July 27 to 29, 2007. It will raise money for the Phoenix Centre for Children and Families in Renfrew County.

Ms. Ellis noted that Mr. Ray is hopeful that this event will be very successful and become an annual occurrence with Pembroke becoming part of the established circuit. She noted her hope that it will be married with the annual Waterfront Festival event.

She advised that Mayor Jacyno has agreed to sponsor a 'luncheon' for the boaters between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Friday. No liquor will be served at this event.

The poker run will take place Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The boats will be docked at the end of the docks in the Marina Basin where the public will be able to view the boats from the walkway along the breakwater.

Deputy-Mayor Scott noted his concern that when similar events had been held in past years there was always the concern with deadheads in the water. Ms. Ellis advised that Mr. Ray has arranged for a military boat to be in the water during the race and any deadheads that are visible will be marked with directional signs to direct them away from the deadhead.

2. COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM

Ms. Ellis advised this was an information item. She noted that May 12<sup>th</sup> is the launching of the 2007 Communities-in-Bloom campaign. She encouraged everyone to attend the launch at the Pembroke Farmer's Market this coming weekend. She advised that Fellowes High School will be there selling their plants, floral bouquets will be sold, the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre will be there selling compost and music and food will be available. All dollars raised will be used for the Communities-in-Bloom campaign.

The meeting then adjourned on motion of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Severin.