

## District Council Meeting Minutes – September 29, 2022

District 7

OSSTF

Executive Member	Present	Executive Member	Present
President, Bonnie Cameron, TBU	√	District Councillor, Jessica Elphick, OPT	×
1st Vice-President, Leslie Hastie, PSSP	√	District Councillor, Dawn Perry, OPT	√
2nd Vice-President, Krista McCormick, ESP	√	District Councillor Ian Burbidge, OT	√
3rd Vice-President, Samantha Watson, OT	√	District Councillor, OT	
4th Vice-President, Kevin Smith, OPT	√	District Councillor, Anna Fijol, PSSP	×
District Treasurer, Nancy MacDonald, OT	×	District Councillor, Corien Sinclair, PSSP	√
District Councillor, Sarah Traynor, ESP	√	District Councillor, Owen Ferguson, TBU	×
District Councillor, Michelle Phillips, ESP	√	District Councillor, Kerrie Lynn Boys, TBU	√
Educational Services/Excellence in Education Officer, Penny Huettlin, OPT	√	Political Action Officer, Andrea Graham, OPT (Non-Voting)	√
Human Rights/Status of Women Officer,		Health & Safety Officer, Brian Windross, TBU (Non-Voting)	√
Equity Officer,		Constitution Officer, Bonnie Cameron (Non Voting)	√

**Location:** Inn on the Bay

**Guests:** Martha Hradowy

**In The Chair:** Bonnie Cameron

1 **Call To Order** 5:00 PM

2 **Chair's Remarks**

- a. The Chair deemed our anti-harassment policy read.
- b. The Anti-Harassment Officers were declared. Krista McCormick & Leslie Hastie/Samantha Watson
- c. Indigenous Acknowledgement Statement was read.
- d. Welcome to new & returning 2022-23 District Council Members –  
Corien Sinclair  
Michelle Phillips  
Penny Huettlin
- e. Penny Huettlin voting for Jessica Elphick  
Brian Windross voting for Owen Ferguson

3 **Adoption of Agenda**

BIRT meetings of the District Council be considered informal with respect to Rule 3.7 in the Rules of Order of the provincial OSSTF Handbook.

- i. Moved: Samantha Watson
- ii. Seconded: Penny Huettlin
- iii. CARRIED

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as amended.

(vi) Lobby Day

(v) Municipal Elections

#### 4 **Adoption of Previous Minutes**

The Chair declared the minutes of June 15, 2022, adopted as printed.

#### 5 **Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

- Labour Day Giveaways
- Constitution has been updated and is on the District Website
- Donations were made to Pride Parades, Backpack Program
- Meridian Investment completed /Visa Limit Increase to do
- Gord Cale Retirement Gift - Thank You

#### 6 **Report/Concerns of the Bargaining Units**

The various Presidents spoke about their Bargaining Units' concerns.

#### 7 **Report of the Treasurer**

Bonnie Cameron spoke to the printed budget report in Nancy MacDonald's absence. BIRT District 7 Council contact Jim Spray immediately to arrange an audit to be completed by November 30, 2022.

- i. Moved: Penny Huettlin
- ii. Seconded: Krista McCormick
- iii. CARRIED

#### 8 **Provincial Representatives' Report**

A written and verbal report was given.

#### 9 **Action Items**

- (i) District Council Positions
  - District Human Rights/Status of Women Officer
  - District Equity Officer

Bonnie will send out an email regarding Positions needing filled.

H&S Committee: Diane Sauro (PSSP)

Political Action – Ian Burbidge

Labour Council – Ian Burbidge

(ii) District Office Computer - Bonnie

Karen spoke with Mark from Meg Computers and these are his recommendations for District Office Computer:

2–24” Monitors (includes eyecare) –	\$230.00
Docking Station -	\$200.00
Labour-set up laptop as main District Office Computer – 3 hrs @ 70.00/hr -	<u>\$210.00</u>

**Total (approximate) \$640.00**

BIRT District Council approves the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 to purchase and set up 2 computer monitors, docking station and convert laptop to be the primary computer for the Office Manager with funds to come from Line 5500 Supplies.

- i. Moved: Bonnie Cameron
- ii. Seconded: Brian Windross
- iii. CARRIED

He also mentioned switching to a Cloud Backup System – recommends:

Carbonite Backup System – app. \$100.00/month

Kevin spoke to the Backup System and Anti-Malware/Anti-Virus. He will follow up and report to District Council at the next meeting.

(iii) Donations

BIRT District Council donate \$100.00 to Kids Help Phone. Funds to come from Line 9300 Donations.

- i. Moved: Ian Burbidge
- ii. Seconded: Kevin Smith
- iii. CARRIED

BIRT District Council donate \$100.00 to Chesley Community Players. Funds to come from Line 9300 Donations.

- i. Moved: Penny Huettlin
- ii. Seconded: Kerrie Lynn Boys
- iii. CARRIED

(iv) Labour Council Affiliation Dues

BIRT D7 Bluewater pay the affiliation fee of \$2,000.00 to the Grey Bruce Labour Council. Funds to come from Line 8300, Labour Council.

- i. Moved: Kevin Smith
- ii. Seconded: Ian Burbidge
- iii. CARRIED

(v) Marion Drysdale Awards - Penny

BIRT District Council approves the expenditure of prizes for the District 7 winners in each of the categories of the Student Achievement Awards in honour of Marian Drysdale, with no prize to exceed \$50.00; funding to come from budget line 9100, Awards & Gifts.

- i. Moved: Penny Huettlin
- ii. Seconded: Kerrie Lynn Boys
- iii. DEFEATED

The District will wait until the Student Award deadline to note number of submissions received before presenting another Motion for prizes.

School Deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup>  
To District Office: November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Final Deadline to Office: November 17<sup>th</sup>  
To Province: December 9<sup>th</sup>

- (vi) Lobby Day - November 1&2, 2022  
District 7 Delegates: Andrea Graham  
Ian Burbidge

- (v) Municipal Elections  
Bonnie presented information.  
ARM Funding is available.

## 10 **District Officers' Reports**

- a. Provincial Council – Kevin gave a verbal report
- b. Health & Safety – Brian gave a written and verbal report
- c. Education Services – Verbal report Penny & Bonnie
- d. Human Rights/Status of Women – N/R
- e. Grey-Bruce Labour Council – Kevin gave a verbal report
- f. Political Action – Andrea gave a verbal report
- g. Constitution – Bonnie gave a verbal report
- h. Equity – N/R

## 11 **Adjournment**

The next District Council meeting is November 24, 2022.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.