District Council Meeting Minutes – September 29, 2022

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.

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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

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(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 -	$210.00
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.

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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 1st
To District Office: November 11th
Final Deadline to Office: November 17th
To Province: December 9th

(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

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11 **Adjournment**

The next District Council meeting is November 24, 2022.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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