

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

January 2012

Healthy Community Fund:

- ❖ We were trying to resume the Zumba classes for another session but the cost would be higher than when it first started in 2011. Trying to find another instructor proved harder than anticipated and only a few people attended for the 6 week session.
- ❖ A seminar was being planned for February 28, 2012 as part of the HCF project criteria. The seminar included chiropractor Claude Bourassa on exercising and treatments.
- ❖ Had a colouring contest
- ❖ Monthly newsletters were sent out which included healthy recipes, sports schedules for the month, and other news items.
- ❖ Snowshoe trails were completed and the trail conditions were good thanks to volunteers.
- ❖ Signage for the Ski Club was still ongoing as awaiting for Quotes.

Pride and Booster:

- ❖ Truckfest Coordinator position was posted on the Job Bank.
- ❖ Entertainment was in the process of being finalized.

SRF Heritage Centre:

- ❖ Attendance for 2011 was 302 and for the last four (4) years was a total of 1157.
- ❖ Artisan Group have fundraised and made a donation to the SRF Heritage Centre for 265.00.
- ❖ Enabling Accessibility Fund project is almost complete and only need to install a metal checker board plate when the weather warms up.

The website for the EDC is in the creative stages. The site will be srfcdc.ca
The website for the truckfest will be live shortly. The site is smoothtruckfest.com

The SRFEDC office is working with the following profit and non-profit organization on a variety of items:

- Chamber of Commerce (marketing & promotion)
- Conservation Club (Bookkeeping and final report for grant received in summer of 2011)
- Golf Course (Trillium Application for equipment and employee's for summer 2012 & Signage)
- Golden Age Club (Installation of new bowling lanes and fundraising activities for mixed bowling)

- Minor Hockey (sponsorship from new company)
- Juniors curling (funding for future events)
- Ski Club (signage & equipment)
- Local karate instructor (location for programming)
- SRF Hospital with the Wal-Mart Evergreen Grant and proposed power project
- SRF Schools with Toyota School Ground Greening Program

2012-2020 Forest Management Plan

Details were provided regarding the meeting between Gilles Bisson (NDP), MNR, First Resources Management Group, Departure Lake Cottage Association and the SRFEDC held early today. The meeting ended on a positive note and First Resources Management Group is willing to work with the Cottage association on their concerns. First Resource Management group has requested outlined trail structure with GPS and is looking to find an alternative road solution for hauling purposes. A letter was also submitted on behalf of the SRFEDC to the MNR, asking that the Issue Resolution Process be initiated with the cottagers of the Red Sucker River and surrounding lakes to discuss the proposed harvesting in the Contingency Plan. This letter was faxed to Cory Wiseman of the MNR on Wednesday the 18th of January.

ROF Update on Heliborne Geophysical Results

James provided an update on Ring of Fire Inc and indicated the company has entered into a contract with a Drilling Company (NPLH) out of Timmins to commence it's 5000 meter drilling in Project 81 north of Timmins. James also reported that the Company has signed an MOU with Mattagami and Matachewan First Nations. The company is also looking to change it's name at a Board of Director's meeting in February from Ring of Fire Resources to Noble Exploration Inc.

February 2012

- ❖ May 26 will be the grand opening of the SRF Heritage Centre's Enabling Accessibility Project of the new chairlift.
- ❖ A grant was approved for a Truckfest Intern for 22,932. for a 52-week project from NOHFC.
- ❖ Fabien Hebert gave us an update on the hospital's meeting with LHIN members stating that if the budget was not balanced that the hospital would have to close their doors. A meeting was scheduled and we were asked to spread the word to have as many people attend this meeting to show our support for the hospital.

March 2012

- ❖ Heritage Centre Received donations of 1,055.00 to-date for operational costs.
- ❖ Gas leak in south side furnace and it was repaired.
- ❖ Artisan Group requesting more hours at centre

- ❖ New Truckfest Intern started on March 13, 2012.
- ❖ Entertainment “State of Shock” and the kids activities were booked for this year.
- ❖ Seminar was held on February with 16 people in attendance and Claude Bourrassa did a presentation on the importance of being active and its impact on the body. Our curling instructor had to work but a curler volunteered to go on ice with those wishing to try curling.

- ❖ An application was made to Trillium foundation for a grant for the SRF Golf Course for the purchase of greens mower.

April 2012

- ❖ Paypal account was set up for Heritage Centre and has received 1455.00 in donations to date.

- ❖ Celebrate Ontario grant was denied this year.

- ❖ Lebel Chainsaw donated a kid’s 4-wheeler for one of the door prizes.

- ❖ The SRFEDC is assisting Basil Merchant School with their application to the Toyota Evergreen Project for greenhouses.

- ❖ Golf Course Representative Roger Therrien is looking to have Ontario Tourism signs up on the highway through the TODS Program.

Non-Profit Groups - The SRFEDC office is working with following non-profit groups regarding a variety of items.

- Chamber of Commerce (marketing & promotion)
- Golden Age Club (Installation of new bowling lanes and fundraising activities for mixed bowling)
- SRF Hospital with proposed power project
- Local Artisans Club (Murals and Community Garden) -Grant

May 2012

2012-2020 Forest Management Plan (new Information)

- Departure Lake meeting with Paul Fantino
- Red Sucker Meeting with R. Mainville to discuss and was told to file a dispute resolution request.
- Open House on June 27, 2012

Long-Term Planning

-KPMG is requesting items for the long term plan and this will be copied and sent to them.

- ❖ Truckfest Intern quit on May 30, 2012.

June 2012

- ❖ AGM Meeting – Recruited 2 new members.
- ❖ A new executive was picked in September as some members were not available for the June meeting.

July 2012

- ❖ 2 summer students were hired for the Heritage Centre through a Canada Summer Jobs grant and 1 student was hired for the office through Ontario Wilderness Grant.
- ❖ Truckfest is coming along with everything falling into place.
- ❖ The Golf Course was approved for a 15,000.00 grant for the purchase of a greens mower.

Application for the Green Hospital Champion Fund is being completed with assistance from the SRFEDC office. The application supports the purchase and installation of the solar panel project the Hospital is attempting to complete. The amount of the grant is 639,000 or 75% of all eligible costs.

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August 2012

- ❖ No meeting this month

September 2012

- ❖ New Executive was elected as follows Christine Cummings as Chairperson, Joanne Loubert as Vice-Chair, and Sheila Jacques as Secretary/Treasurer.

Consideration in joining the Ontario Historical Society so that we could be eligible for the HODG program (Heritage Operating Development Grant).

- ❖ An application for \$22,431 has been submitted to the New Horizons for Seniors program for upgrades to refinish the lanes and new gutters, new scoring system with monitors and renovations such as drywall and painting.

The SRFEDC will be hosting an information and networking session during Small Business week on October 19th, 2012 at the Curling Club from 8 am to 4 pm. The forum will cover community organizations in the morning and small business networking session in the afternoon. Businesses to attend consist of TEDC, North Claybelt, NOHFC and College Boreal.

October 2012

- SRFEDC consideration for joining the Ontario Heritage Association so that we could be eligible for the HODG program (Heritage Operating Development Grant).
- ❖ The website for SRFEDC went live, and training will take place in November.

Truckfest Internship

The Pride and Booster Committee have decided to post for the position for the Truck fest Intern as long as there is no cost, this means it will be posted through networks, job boards and Job Bank. The committee feels it wants to find the right individual for the position instead of settling for an eligible candidate.

Municipal Agricultural Forum:

The event in Toronto was a good chance to review some of the opportunities that are available with local food distributors and suppliers. It provided some information to bio-fuels which is what mainly warranted attending, much of this was done with farm waste through digesters; however some information and studies have been made available and was distributed through a USB stick. This information will be used to compare the modeling for the purpose grown crop initiative and assist when looking to develop supply relationships with agricultural suppliers, farmers and food producers. The Red Program is expected to be on-

hold until the next budget of March/April 2013. There are some changes expected to take place with regards to the Red Program as well as others that will help smaller suppliers and organizations with regards to agricultural projects in

Ontario.

Bio-mass Nipissing University

Discussions with Luc Brunel from the Calstock Generating Station were favorable with regards to moving forward with a pre-feasibility/baseline study of the proposed purpose grown crop initiative. Discussions with Gary Housing have not taken place as he was unavailable earlier this month, Gary said he would be willing to sit down later this month to further discuss the study and what was required from Northland Power, an email has been sent for a meeting Monday afternoon after a previous meeting regarding the Cochrane Job Fair.

James provided information regarding the appointment to a Provincial Working Group by the Town of Smooth Rock Falls along with the CAO to establish to assist with the implementation of your economic plan and key priorities and initiatives. The working group team will be comprised of the following MNDM staff; Helen Mulc, Director, supported by Denis Rochon and Brian Pountney that will meet to gain a more in depth understanding of our community and the initiatives being undertaken to support its long-term success. Additional provincial resources will be deployed based on your priorities and the required areas of expertise, as expressed in the letter of request provided.

Job Fair in Cochrane

James provided an update on the Job Fair that is being planned for November 14, 2012 in Cochrane, the advertisement is included in the meeting package. Employers of Smooth Rock Falls were provided with the invitation to set up a booth and meet with potential employee's at the event. There is one more scheduled meeting in Cochrane on November 6, 2012 to complete the organizing of the event.

Timiskaming Agricultural Forum

The Community of Timiskaming is hosting an Agricultural Forum and there will be private companies that are showing an interest in the North Clay belt area. The EDO from Kapuskasing along with the Mayor of Blackriver Matheson and myself will be speaking to a number of companies and individuals regarding agricultural opportunities in the area. The event is Wednesday and Thursday October 24 & 25; however, I will be traveling with the EDO from Kapuskasing the night of the 24 and returning the evening of the 25. The 25 also provides a funding forum meeting with government funding agencies to discuss agricultural programs and funding available.

November 2012

The bands have been selected for the August 23 and 24, 2013 Smooth Truckfest. Draw tickets still need to be finalized with the prizes. The Committee is also looking to have the big truck races this year and we still need to finalize the location of the race. The committee is looking at holding the races on the bypass close to the Golf Course location. James is still working on the Celebrate Ontario Grant Application that needs to be submitted by November 20, 2012.

Website training took place on November 7th with Diana and Sheila in attendance. Some organizations should be contacted to see what information they want on their page.

NOHFC Funding - The Director and CAO still need to discuss the cash flow for the SRFEDC.

Golden Age Club is still waiting for a decision from the funding agency.

Proposed SRFEDC Reporting Style was discussed and any in camera issues should have their own page or bare minimum information required.

Michel reported on the NeCN Annual General Meeting held in Hearst on October 24th.

Michel reported on the meeting with the LHIN and that another meeting is scheduled later this month to review the report done by KPMG.

To be able to apply for grants, the SRFEDC had to become members of the HOGS and when the operating grant application opens in June the SRFEDC will apply. The membership was received prior to this meeting and the contact person is Sheila Jacques. The SRF Heritage Committee do not know how long they can continue with the building as funds are running out. There might be a year of funding left unless more donations or grant availability is received.

The SRFEDC along with Neo-net from Timmins will be hosting a Senior Training Seminar on November 29th at the Curling Club from 9 am to 11:30 am. This training will help senior understand the fundamentals of computers and the Internet Surfing. This is a free Training and the Town of SRF donated the rental fee of the Curling Club for this event.

Lucette Leveque from VCARS will also have a booth set up with information on Elder Abuse.

December 2012

The Pride and Booster Committee is looking to have the transport races this year and it will take place near the golf course as we are looking into the old railroad track as a possible venue site.

The prizes this year will be a choice of truck as per previous year, a boat and a side by side as other prizes along with the cash prizes with the elimination of the early bird prize. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$100.00 each.

The committee will donate \$5,000. towards the hospital's deficit after the event.

Director of Economics leaving his position on December 3, 2012.