

Canadian Nuclear Science & Technology and Tourist Information Centre  
Next Steps Meeting  
October 10, 2012  
JL Gray Building, Deep River

**Present:** Brian McInall(BDC), John Walden(BDC), Gary Melnyk(BDC), Lorraine MacKenzie (UOVCC), Shelley Rolland-Poruks(AECL), Pat Quinn(AECL), Dick Rabishaw(Laurentian Hills), Wayne Kirby(Laurentian Hills), Michelle Larose(Deep River), Dave Thompson(Deep River)

**Regrets:** Melinda Reith(Head, Clara Maria) Tammy Lee Stewart(Head, Clara Maria)

**Discussion:**

- The Chamber has received resolutions from each of the municipalities.
- Next step we will need to decide the financial breakdown (formula) for costs. The breakdown of cost as per AECL + 3 municipalities should be very close to the 80/20 split but what is the formula that will be used to breakdown costs between the municipalities.
- AECL would like a Business Plan to proceed.
- Important parts needed: to finalize business plan:
  - Size of building
  - Cost breakdown (municipalities)
  - Any additional requirements from AECL or the municipalities
- Tourist Info Centre – size should be relatively the same regardless of the overall building size
- We need to define the “Greater Upper Ottawa Valley” (Cobden to Deux Rivieres)
- Gary has mentioned the proposal to Alastair Baird of the County of Renfrew – we should look at making presentation to County Council once business plan is complete.
- **Ownership:**
  - o question why Chamber and not a corporation
  - o no capital
  - o pull-out (can one of the partners pull-out)
  - o Chamber is open to other options re: ownership
- **Location:**
  - o Chalk River Business Park in Laurentian Hills – Hwy 17
  - o Bus Garage at corner of Deep River Road & Hwy 17
  - o Gasmann’s Towing at corner of Deep River Road & Hwy 17
  - o Valley Ventures – Laurentian Hills – Hwy 17
  - o Herb Shaw property – Laurentian Hills – Hwy 17
  - o Road House Restaurant – Chalk River Hwy 17
  - o Business Development ready in Deep River (by Delta Dental & Harding’s Pharmacy)
  - o Laurentian Hills offer – Land in Business Park would be given to the project- would talk about water later.
  - o Engineering report due at Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

- AECL to take away and consider their desired location and size of building required.
- **Other Possible Partners:**
  - County of Renfrew
  - Ottawa Valley Tourist Association
  - Town of Petawawa
  - Friends of the Forest
  - National Forestry
- **FAQ**
  - Need to prepare a FAQ's sheet
- **Calendar Timeline**
  - When do we want open the doors of the centre
  - Spring 2014
  - Sponsorship Packages – suppliers of AECL
  - County suppliers (ie wood builds)
  - January need business plan
  - Need to book time at County Council or with the Planning & Development Committee.
  - Next step need info from AECL for mid November
  - Need commitment from AECL

Next Meeting Date – Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at JL Gray Building.