

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, April 28, 2009

MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Beaver Valley Community Centre – Small Hall

PREPARED BY: Krista Royal, Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order

Present: Duncan McKinlay, John McKean, Bob Gamble, Reg Russwurm, John Caswell, Shawn Everitt, Suzanne Purdy, Krista Royal

Regrets: (none)

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

With Additions:

1. Funding Applications
2. DOR.09.025 Report Kinsmen Request to Sell Food at Boat Launch

THAT the Agenda of the April 28, 2009, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

“CARRIED”

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

A.3 Previous Minutes – April 14, 2009

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.

“CARRIED”

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1 Grant McMurchy and Alex Maxwell – Proposed Curling Club

Grant McMurchy briefed the Committee on the history of the previous Curling Club and the current community support/interest to revive the sport. The Curling Club Committee prepared a proposal for the Committee for review and consideration.

Mr. McMurchy outlined that the first step is recognition of the organization, which will allow their Club members to investigate the development of the facility and to follow the same process that it took to get the Arena started.

The Committee requested Shawn Everitt to investigate funding options with Financial Services Department.

Shawn Everitt informed the Committee that he has been working closely with the Curling Committee group and the next step is to receive the blessing of the Town to move forward. That the Development Charges Study allows funding from the Development Charges in 2011 and 2012 for a multiuse facility.

Shawn Everitt indicated that the facility could potentially, as proposed, be funded by user fees having less tax burden on the rate payers.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Council receive proposal information; and

THAT Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation to submit back to the Committee a report outlining funding options and to investigate a possibility of an inclusion for multi purpose Recreation Facility.

“CARRIED”

Committee thanked the Curling Committee members for coming to the meeting.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 DOR.09.18 Commercial Enterprise Permits on Parks

Shawn Everitt briefed the Committee on the background of the Parks Use By-Law and also discussed his concerns regarding the ability to have more control over events and vendors.

Committee was concerned about getting the information to the public about the new process to achieve a permit from the Town. Committee also recommended that Shawn change the wording of section 46.3.2 in the Attachment "B" of the report in such way, that it would be universal for any future Committee dates.

Shawn Everitt informed the Committee that he has had discussions with Lisa Kidd and the new Web Portal, which will outline the entire process step-by-step; as well as having the ability to book online.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council approve Staff Report DOR.09.18 "Commercial Enterprise Permit for Parks" and designate the parks as permit able Commercial Enterprise locations and the Permit process and fees contained therein.

"CARRIED"

C.2 DOR.09.19 Heathcote Hall Property Ownership

Shawn Everitt discussed the background of the Report to the Committee.

The Committee addressed concerns with the ownership, maintenance and the future use of the property.

Shawn informed the Committee that a public meeting would be held with the Heathcote residents of the future development of the property.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.09.19 "Heathcote Hall Property Ownership" and authorize the Town to revise the existing agreement of October 25, 1978 to retain ownership at no cost, Lot 23, Concession 12 described as Part 2, Plan 16R-1353, or more commonly known as the existing Heathcote Hall.

"CARRIED"

C.3 EPW.09.040 Clarksburg Water & Sanitary Servicing Options

John Caswell briefed the Committee on the background of the Report.

Reg Russwurm noted to the Committee that the motion on the Agenda is slightly different on the Report, and the correct wording is on the Report.

Committee was concerned about hiring a consultant, how it will be financed, how long will it take for a study and what involvement is required for testing the water quality of the Beaver River.

John Caswell stated that currently there is no money set aside and approval from Council will be necessary.

Jim Farmilo from the public asked if he could speak to the Committee.

Committee concurred to hear Jim Farmilo speak in regards to Clarksburg servicing options.

Jim Farmilo stated that he is prepared to help the Town and Staff to look at alternate solutions and he would provide support for affordable solutions.

Committee requested that the motion before them on the report to be altered to acquire Staff to prepare a Request for Proposal, work plan and present options back to Committee for review.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Report EPW.09.040 Clarksburg Water & Sanitary Servicing Options; and

THAT Council direct Staff to not reapply for funding for Clarksburg in the next two years; and

THAT Council approve Staff to consult with the residents of Clarksburg to define parameters for determining the condition of existing wells and septic systems in Clarksburg and also to assist the residents investigating interim alternative servicing arrangements that include recently advanced technology for treating water and wastewater on individual lots or communally; and

FURTHER THAT Council approve Staff to issue a Request for Proposal to retain the services of a consultant to provide a review of water quality in the Beaver River and a study of available alternate onsite or private servicing options, and investigate and determine the location of wells and septic systems on each property in Clarksburg, and provide a report to Council to retain the Consultant.

“CARRIED”

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 DOR.09.15 Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts and The Blue Mountains Partnership

Bob Gamble was concerned that some events only draw a certain group of kids, the lack of numbers for a program and costs incurred for a particular program.

Shawn Everitt informed the Committee that any program offered will only continue if the program receives the minimum number of people signed up to cover the base costs for the program, teacher, and supplies.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.09.15 "Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts and The Blue Mountains Partnership" for a Youth Art Camp; July 13th through July 17th, 2009 for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

D.2 DOR.09.16 Youth Initiatives Update

Shawn Everitt briefed the Committee on several different events organized by the Youth Coordinator and the successful turnouts/interests from the youth in the Community.

Bob Gamble informed the Committee that when he attends the Blue Mountain Village Association, items are brought forward at the meeting, but he is unable to comment due to lack of information.

Bob Gamble asked if Staff could bring back to the Committee a Report outlining the partnerships between the Town and Village Association.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives Staff Report DOR.09.16, "Youth Initiatives Update" for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

D.3 DOR.09.20 Discounts for Youth Week

Shawn Everitt stated that there are a total of 20 local businesses that are participating in providing discounts to students during the National Youth Week being held only for the first week of May.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.09.20 "Discounts for Youth Week" for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

D.4 DOR.09.21 Potential Minor Hockey Amalgamation

Committee had discussion with Shawn Everitt in regards to how this amalgamation would happen, the function of the Beaver Valley Athletic Association and the process involved to amalgamate Meaford and Thornbury Minor Hockey Association.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.09.21 "Potential Minor Hockey Amalgamation" for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

D.5 DOR.09.22 Youth Community Garden

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives Staff Report DOR 09 22 "Youth Community Garden" for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

D.6 EPW.09.041 Town Waste Management Promotional and Education Material

Reg Russwurm informed the Committee that Staff is continuing forward with the program and the creation of the waste brochures.

Bob Gamble addressed concerns of the costs of the brochures and having the ability to print more in the future.

Reg Russwurm informed the Committee that the Town would own the graphics and Staff would have the ability to modify the text for future printing.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives Report EPW.09.041 entitled "Town Waste Management Promotional and Educational Material" for their information.

"CARRIED"

D.7 EPW.09.042 Construction/Development Status Report

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receives Report EPW.09.042 entitled "Construction / Development Status Report" for their information.

"CARRIED"

Duncan McKinlay mentioned that he would like to attend the opening of the Water Plant and if consideration of having the event could take place around 4:00 p.m.

John Caswell informed the Committee that he will discuss the details at a later Committee meeting and the Committee will have preference on the date and time to work with their schedules.

D.8. Minutes of Museum Advisory Committee

Suzanne Purdy addressed the highlights of the minutes to the Committee:

- Volunteer hours are better than expected, averaging 70 hours per week
- Grant Writing is completed
- Attendance are high at the lectures offered
- Increase in attendance of “drop-ins” at the Depot from people travelling in the area, as well as people walking along the trail

Duncan McKinlay asked if the Town has ever received a grant funding from CMOG. Suzanne Purdy responded that this is the first the Town has applied for any grant funding from CMOG.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receives the Museum Advisory Committee held on January 12, 2009, March 9, 2009, and April 14, 2009 for information purposes.

“CARRIED”

Committee thanked Suzanne for attending the meeting.

D.9 DOR.09.025 Kinsmen Request to Sell Food at Boat Launch

Shawn Everitt apologized for the untimely manner of the Report.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive staff report DOR 09 25 and give permission to the Kinsmen Club of Beaver Valley to operate a temporary “Food Booth” at the Thornbury Municipal Harbour on Sunday May 10th 2009 from 7:00AM until 7:00PM.

“CARRIED”

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Funding Applications

Infrastructure Stimulus Fund:

Beaver River Trail

Shawn Everitt discussed the status of the Beaver River Trail from Thornbury Harbour to Clendenning Dam. Shawn informed the Committee that he met with GSCA and have discussed the details of the trail. The only property not owned by the Town is GSCA property which he has received full support from them to utilize.

Hester Street Parking Lot

Reg Russwurm briefed the Committee on the details:

- Reconstruct parking lot and add angle parking on Hester St, plus Street Lighting and Landscaping on parking lot
- Stimulus Funding wants 50% of project spent by March 31, 2010 and balance by March 31'2011
- If application is successful, Reg Russwurm will ask Committee to expedite the Consultant Retention
- Paul Graham is working on agreement with the land owners

Building Canada Fund – Community Component

- Plan 915 is the project selected to make application for Build Canada Fund , Ruth will bring forward a Report to get Council resolution as needed

MRIF

- Proposal to transfer allocation of Clarksburg MRIF funding to other projects was declined

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., BVCC Small Hall

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of April 28, 2009 is adjourned at 9:15p.m.

“CARRIED”