

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017
6:30 PM
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Councillor Smail, Chair
Councillor Morrell
Mayor Sayeau, Ex Officio
Tory Deschamps
Heather Lawless
Greg Modler
Tim Nason

Regrets: Bev Keleman
Bert Wissink

Staff: Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator
Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Councillor Smail called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: T. Nason that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof – None

4. Business Arising from Community Development Committee Minutes (if any)

Members enquired about the status of the Meadowlands Draft Recommendation submission to the UCLG and if there has been any update on the SBCC Riverside Park Project. Staff noted that decisions with respect to assisting in the Riverside Park Project will be determined after the budget is finalized.

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

6. Discussion Items

a) Cardinal Community Garden Use

Committee reviewed the various permitted uses for the Cardinal Community Garden space, and brought forward a number of suggestions, including; an outdoor skating pad, additional playground, preserving the space for commercial use, and a dog park. The Committee discussed the viability of the above noted suggestions, noting that a dog park would be a practical option and something that would benefit the community.

Members discussed the fencing, maintenance, and water source required to convert the garden space to a dog park. It was noted that the space could operate as a dog park on a short term basis, until such a time that the space may be needed for other commercial opportunities. Members briefly discussed the cost of installing and maintaining the fencing and other municipal dog park designs. Members asked if a dog park would affect the Township's insurance.

Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: G. Modler that Committee directs staff to explore pricing and dog park design layout options and bring forward information at the March 6 meeting for review.

Carried

b) CIP Review

Committee reviewed the CIP agreement, noting that there is the possibility of including a control clause to deter individuals from misusing or changing the project once the funds have been received. Staff noted that the planner on record will be completing a review of the MCR zones due to the implementation of the interim control by-law. It was noted that the planner would be reviewing the CIP and may make recommendations to improve the agreement. Members debated if the Committee should wait for the planner to complete the review and report on the recommendations or direct staff to include a control clause in the current agreement.

Members reviewed and discussed the agreement, noting various clauses and how the agreement could be amended to include a control period clause. Members discussed the period of time that could be included for the control clause and whether the clause would be legally sufficient if the applicant defaulted on the agreement.

Members discussed the interim control by-law and how it has halted the conversion of MCR zone commercial ground level spaces to residential for 2017. Members briefly discussed the suggestion to review and audit past CIP applications. Members discussed the various CIP incentives, specifically touching on the commercial and residential façade or property improvement grant.

It was the consensus of Committee to direct staff to add a control period clause of 2 years to the existing CIP agreement. Members requested that staff review

best practices and bring a draft CIP agreement with the requested control period clause to Committee for review on March 6.

c) Tim Hortons Event Van

Members highlighted that the Township is required to send a letter requesting the Tim Hortons Event Van with a list of events, which include the date and time of each event. Committee discussed the various community events that take place in the Township to determine which Township events could include the Tim Hortons Event Van.

Members noted that the Tim Hortons information should be distributed to the local organizations if they wish to organize the van to be at an event. Members agreed that the Township would only request the van for Township and/or Port of Johnstown organized events. Committee briefly discussed the impact the van may have on local businesses at the various events held throughout the year. It was the consensus of Committee to direct staff to provide the local organizations with the Tim Hortons Event Van information and to request the Tim Hortons Event Van for the Port Day event.

7. Action/Information Items

a) RAGNAR Relay

Committee reviewed the RAGNAR Relay information and asked if there was any way for the Township to prepare and benefit from the relay group traveling through the Township. Members suggested that the Township contact other municipalities to see what they have done in the past to promote and support the RAGNAR Relay. Committee enquired about the safety measures and insurance required for the relay. Members requested that the recommendation be amended to include the proof of insurance.

Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: T. Nason that the Committee recommends that Council support the proposed RAGNAR Relay Montreal race, upon proof of insurance, in June 2018.

Carried

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion

Mayor Sayeau provided a brief update with respect to the Grenville Park Campground. It was noted that the successful bidder(s) is a numbered company from Carleton Place. Mayor Sayeau mentioned that the fairness commissioner was involved with the bidding process to confirm a fair review.

Mayor Sayeau provided the Committee with a list of upcoming events, including:

- Augusta Mayor's Breakfast will be held on March 3, 2017 at 7:30am

- ED19 Public Meeting, hosted by the UCLG will be held at the Drummond Building on February 16, 2017 at 7:00pm
- The Brockville and South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Business after 5pm event will be held at the Windmill Brewery and King's Lock Distillery on February 16, 2017

9. Question Period – None

10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: T. Deschamps that Committee does now adjourn at 7:51 pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 27th day of February, 2017.

Chair

Deputy Clerk