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**MINUTES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016  
6:30 PM  
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Present:** Councillor Karie Smail, Chair  
Councillor Morrell (6:35 pm)  
Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)  
Heather Lawless  
Tory Deschamps  
Scott O'Brien  
Bev Keleman  
Tim Nason

**Staff:** Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator  
Debra McKinstry, CAO/Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

**Moved** by: S. O'Brien seconded by: T. Nason that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None

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

In response to a question from the Mayor, the CAO/Clerk advised that a formal application for rezoning was expected from Mr. Lockwood in the next two weeks.

5. Delegations & Presentations – None

6. Discussion Items

a) Township Sign Lighting Initiative – Scott O'Brien

Members discussed the information provided by Mr. O'Brien with respect to lighting of Township signs at the 401 and 416 interchanges using a solar

powered system. The Committee generally supported the initiative and various financing options were discussed.

It was agreed that the lighting initiative should be combined with the proposed sign replacement program planned for 2017 and that grant opportunities would be pursued, possibly through the EODP.

b) Riverside Memorial Park – Scott O'Brien

As had been briefly discussed at the May meeting, Mr. O'Brien presented a comprehensive plan for redevelopment and enhancement of the small park across from the Cardinal Legion. It was noted that Committee of the Whole had recently directed that funding for this project should be sought from the Canada 150 program and that staff were working on the application in time for submission by the deadline of June 24. Funding has also been requested from Farm Credit Canada's AgriSpirit program and a response is expected by August. It is unknown at this time if both sources can be used if both applications are successful.

Committee was generally supportive of the plan for redevelopment and the applications for funding.

c) Electric Car Charging Station – Bev Kelemen

Ms. Kelemen provided some information on this item, suggesting it may be a good idea to be on the leading edge of this technology. She noted that neighbouring municipalities are considering installation and that the charging stations can be a source of revenue both through user fees and advertising. People who use the stations must wait a period of time for the charging to be completed and would potentially be making use of the area facilities and businesses while waiting. Ms. Kelemen noted that she did not have cost information but that a representative from one company would be available to attend CDC in September.

Committee discussed potential locations in the village of Spencerville and the possible means to advise the travelling public that the charging station was available. Ms. Kelemen was asked to arrange the presentation in September. It was noted that the SBCC had recently discussed this idea and the Community Development Coordinator was asked to liaise with that group.

7. Action Items/Information Items

a) Cormorants

Committee members discussed the report from licensed trapper John Courtney in detail. Mr. Courtney was present and answered questions from the committee with respect to his proposed control program.

There were concerns expressed with respect to the program becoming an annual expense for the Township, the possibility that the program would have the effect of making the problem worse in other areas, and the apparent isolation of the locations from populated areas.

There was discussion of reclamation of the roost areas which are affected by the acidity of the birds' droppings as well as their effect on fisheries. Committee members commented on other beautification efforts being made by the Township along the waterfront. It was felt that waiting for possible Provincial action would take too long.

Moved by Scott O'Brien and seconded by Tory Deschamps that CDC recommends that Council proceed with the cormorant control program as outlined in Mr. Courtney's report and that the funds for the program be taken from the Economic Development Strategy Programs budget.

Carried

Heather Lawless was excused from the meeting at 7:25 pm.

b) Spencerville Beautification – Bridge Flower Planters Update

Committee was apprised of a recent small bridge beautification project spearheaded by Bev Kelemen and supported by Township staff. Ms. Kelemen advised Committee that she would be bringing forward some other ideas for decoration of the bridge area.

c) Canada 150 Grant

The Community Development Coordinator informed members of a second application for funding being worked on by members of the Recreation Advisory Committee to repurpose the tennis courts in Johnstown.

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion from Committee Members

Councillor Morrell noted that South Dundas is working on a trails project with a view to accessing funding from the province and suggested that there may be an opportunity to combine their efforts with some waterfront trail work in EC.

9. Question Period

Questions were raised with respect to the cormorant control project – its execution, any success in other areas, and any other options pursued.

A suggestion was received from the public that any lighting initiative should be cognizant of the potential for light pollution. The Spencerville-Johnstown area is well known as a "dark sky" region and draws a great deal of attention from astronomers.

10. Closed Session – None
11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

These minutes were approved in open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
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Chair

  
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CAO/Clerk