

**MINUTES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016  
6:30 PM  
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

**Present:** Councillor Smail, Chair  
Councillor Morrell (left at 7:45pm)  
Mayor Sayeau, Ex Officio  
Tory Deschamps (arrived at 7pm)  
Bev Keleman  
Heather Lawless

**Regrets:** Tim Nason  
Scott O'Brien

**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: H. Lawless seconded by: G. Morrell that the agenda be approved as amended to include Discussion Items 6c) Spencerville Bridge Flowers and 6d) School Closures.

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 Cardinal Kiosks and briefly discussed the St. Lawrence Economic Development Commission.

5. Delegations & Presentations

a) Connor Cleary – Electric Car Charging Station

Mr. Cleary gave a brief presentation to Committee outlining that Electric Vehicle Council of Ottawa would be willing to donate an electric vehicle charging station to Edwardsburgh/Cardinal. Mr. Cleary noted that he discussed the charging station donation idea with Gerard Gavrel, President of EVCO, who was interested in expanding outside of Ottawa. It was noted that the charging station

from EVCO does not cost money for the user, and is intended to bring electric car owners to the area to charge their vehicles and discover the Township. Members noted that the EVCO is willing to donate a charging station to the Township, and it would be the duty of the Township to install and maintain the station. Members discussed various location options in the Township and associated costs to install and maintain the station.

It was the consensus of Committee to direct staff to prepare a report comparing the locations available, initial installation and starting costs, and maintenance for both the EVCO (Sun Country) and ChargePoint charging stations.

Committee thanked Mr. Cleary for his presentation and helpful information.

## 6. Discussion Items

### a) Hobby Farms/Domestic Fowl in the Zoning By-law

Members discussed the regulations for a hobby farm and why the zoning by-law stipulates a minimum of 12.3 acres. Members asked for clarification with respect to the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae that was developed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Members debated if the Committee wanted to explore options that may reduce the required acreage for a hobby farm.

It was suggested to research best practices with other municipalities in the area. Members noted that the Animal Control By-law could potentially be amended after further research and discussion regarding domestic fowl in the area. It was noted that the Township would need to consult with professional planners before amending the acreage required for a hobby farm.

**Moved** by: H. Lawless seconded by: T. Deschamps that Committee explores more information and lot sizes with respect to hobby farms and domestic fowl.

Carried

### b) 2017 Budget Items

Members asked if the St. Lawrence Economic Development Commission costs would be shown for the Community Development Committee budget items.

### c) Spencerville Bridge Flowers

Members discussed the bridge flowers initiative from this past summer and mentioned the option to expand to double the amount of flower boxes. The costs associated with the flowers and maintenance was discussed, noting that staff would need to build more flower boxes, add another water barrel, and assist with the water of the flowers. It was the consensus of Committee to expand the

bridge flowers initiative to be double from the previous year and have the Township staff continue to assist in maintaining the flower boxes. It was noted that the bridge flower initiative may be apply to apply for in-kind support with the 2017 Community Grants & Donations program.

Members requested that staff prepare a summary of costs to assess the budget impact. Members briefly discussed if the bridge flowers initiative should be the responsibility of the Township or the community groups.

d) School Closures

Members discussed the pending local school closures at length, specifically commenting on the closure of Benson school and the impact it would have on the Township residents. It was noted that a meeting was held in North Grenville for school board staff and councillors to inform every one of the changes and potential improvements.

Members noted that the school closures may negatively affect the development of the Meadowland's subdivision. It was suggested to designate \$20,000 to hire consultants to review the proposed closure of Benson and South Edwardsburgh and highlight the reasons to keep the schools open. Members noted that small communities need local schools in order to attract families to the area. Members mentioned that the school closures will have a big impact on the parents and children both emotionally and financially. It was noted that the Ministry of Education and the school board has overlooked the transportation needs review for the area, which highlights the lack of available transportation for families in the rural municipalities.

**Moved** by: T. Deschamps seconded by: B. Keleman that Committee recommends that Council support available initiatives to explore strategies to assist in retaining/stop the closures of the local schools in Edwardsburgh/Cardinal.

Carried

7. Action/Information Items

a) Severance Applications B-70-16/B-71-16 (Scissons)

Members noted that there were no concerns with the severance applications.

**Moved** by: G. Morrell seconded by: T. Deschamps that Committee recommends that Council recommend in favour of the severance application B-70-16 and B-71-16 (Scissons).

Carried

b) Severance Application B-75-16 (Kinlin)

Members asked for clarification with respect to the severance and the minor variance required.

**Moved** by: H. Lawless seconded by: B. Keleman that Committee recommends to Council that they recommend in favour of the severance B-75-16 (Kinlin) conditional upon a minor variance being granted to allow for the approximately 29ft frontage deficiency on both the lot to be severed and the lot to be retained.  
Carried

c) CIP Application S-04-16 (Moulton)

**Moved** by: T. Deschamps seconded by: G. Morrell that Committee approved the application S-04-16 (Moulton) for \$1,500.  
Carried

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion

Inquiries were raised with respect to the following:

- French Public School sign at the intersection of County Rd 21 and County Rd 44.

9. Question Period – None

10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

**Moved** by: T. Deschamps that Committee does now adjourn at 8:22 pm.  
Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.



Chair



Deputy Clerk