

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
6:30 PM
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Present: Deputy Mayor Peggy Taylor (Chair)
Mayor Pat Sayeau (ex officio)
Councillor Gerry Morrell
Tory Deschamps
Laura Franks
Joe Martelle
Tim Nason
Emma Patrick

Staff: Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator
Sheena Earl, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order – Chair, Deputy Mayor Taylor

Deputy Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: T. Nason seconded by: T. Deschamps that Committee approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None

4. Business Arising from Previous Community Development Committee Minutes

None

5. Delegations

- a) BR&E – Katie Nolan, OMAFRA

Ms. Nolan, Program Advisor with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, provided an overview of the provincial Business Retention & Expansion program which is more generally a comprehensive survey of the business community. Ms. Nolan provided examples of past BR&E projects and explored the benefits associated with the study while discussing timelines, stakeholder engagement and volunteer assistance.

6. Discussion Items

a) Galop Canal Presentation/Brainstorming – Led by Chair

Deputy Mayor Taylor provided some history of the Galop Canal to the east and west of Cardinal touching on current and past uses and specific segments of the waterway, islands and shore.

Members discussed the option of camping at Galop Canal Park as proposed at the previous meeting by Mayor Sayeau along with some other potential and current uses. Weed control was briefly discussed.

Some members suggested that a comprehensive overview of possible options along the entirety of the Galop Canal broken down into segments be discussed and reviewed taking into account current uses, current maintenance and a long term vision for future development. The opportunity and process for public input into these reviews was discussed.

A suggestion was made that a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats) analysis be undertaken with respect to the camping proposal presented by Mayor Sayeau.

7. Action/Information Items

a) Severance Applications B-77-15/B-78-15 (Swerdfeger)

The severance applications and the access issues discussed in the staff report were reviewed.

Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: T. Deschamps that Committee recommend that Council recommend in favour of the severances B-77-15 & B-78-15 (Swerdfeger) conditional upon:

1. Receipt of a satisfactory environmental impact assessment which demonstrates that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or ecological functions of the St. Lawrence River and any adjacent wetlands;
2. Receipt of a satisfactory engineer's report with respect to sustainability of private on-site services on the reduced sized lots to be severed.

Carried

b) FICE Update

Members reviewed the First Impressions Community Exchange program with staff. The program partnered Seeley's Bay with the Village of Spencerville and sent members from each community to the other to examine local offerings. A

presentation will be made to CDC by Seeley's Bay volunteers at the November meeting. It was noted that the November Community Development Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 5th.

Staff was requested to provide the written report prepared by Spencerville volunteers with respect to Seeley's Bay for interest.

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion

Mayor Sayeau asked if the proposal he put forward at the previous CDC meeting with respect to camping at the Galop Canal Park was off the table considering the apparent consensus of Committee to review the Galop Canal as a whole rather than to focus on the specific issue of camping.

Members discussed how best to proceed in order to allow for public input and strategic thinking with respect to the riverfront assets. More public education with respect to the proposal was suggested as misunderstandings seem apparent.

Moved by: J. Martelle seconded by: L. Franks that Committee proceed to review the Galop Canal area in segments with 20 minutes per meeting designated for discussion of current and future possible uses and that this information and input be collaborated in a document and presented at a future public meeting.

Members discussed a possible timeline of 3 meetings to review the area with a public meeting expected in late winter.

Carried

J. Martelle signaled his resignation from the Committee due to a perceived personal conflict of interest due to his position of employment with the Prescott Journal.

10. Question Period

Questions were raised with respect to the creation of a "Friends of the Galop Canal" volunteer group.

10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

Moved by: G. Morrell that the meeting adjourns at 8:22pm.

Carried

These minutes approved in open Council this 29th day of September, 2015.

Chair

Secretary