

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019
6:30 PM
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Present: Deputy Mayor Deschamps, Chair
Mayor Sayeau, Ex Officio
Councillor Dillabough
Shannon Brown
Conor Cleary
Cody Oatway (arrived at 6:39pm)
Chris Ward

Regrets: Greg Modler

Staff: Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk
Wendy Van Keulen, Community Development Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Deschamps called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: C. Ward seconded by: S. Brown that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

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

4. Business Arising from Previous Community Development Minutes

Members asked if any enquiries have been made with respect to the idea of pursuing a County wide recreation coordinator position. It was noted that the Township received a grant through the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Culture to provide 50% funding for the previous Township position. There was a brief discussion with respect to how effective the position was within the Township; specifically, regarding increased use of facilities and providing additional recreational programming. Members noted that a County wide recreation coordinator position has not been part of the County Council discussion due to the unlikelihood of a single person position being beneficial if spread over 10 municipalities. It was noted that the provincial government has suggested that

municipalities need to find 4-8% in efficiencies, which may result in reduction of services rather than an increase.

There was a brief discussion with respect to the idea of surrounding municipalities, such as Augusta, Prescott, and North Grenville collaborating to share a recreation coordinator. Members commented on the idea of the Township approaching either Prescott and North Grenville to share the service since both municipalities currently have a recreation coordinator. Members noted that the Committee should review ideas, such as a recreation survey and community outreach before asking Council to consider sharing a recreation coordinator.

Committee provided positive feedback with respect to the formatting changes to the agenda and asked for a brief update on the free tree day held in May. It was noted that the free tree day event was a success, with all of the trees being given away within the first hour of the event. There was a discussion with respect to the number of trees available and whether the Township could organize a similar event where the public pays for the trees/seedlings as a fundraising event.

Committee highlighted their concerns about the application for rezoning of 331 Walter St.; specifically commenting on the property being rezoned to MCR instead of MC. Members commented on the lack of a front yard and no available parking as the main reasons why they currently disagree with the planner's recommendation. It was noted that the owner of the property could seek an agreement from a surrounding neighbour to secure a parking spot.

5. Action/Information Items

Live: Land Use Planning

a) Application for Site Plan Amendment: Logistec

Committee reviewed the report and asked for clarification with respect to the height of the building and if the company could change the materials stored in the building in the future. It was noted that the application indicates the building height will be 49ft and the agreement does not restrict the type of materials stored in the building. It was noted that SNC and the UCLG have reviewed and provided feedback with respect to the site plan and have no concerns over the proposed development.

Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: C. Cleary that Committee recommends that Council adopt a by-law to amend the existing site plan control agreement for 3006 County Rd 2 to include the new site plan, stormwater management report, and erosion control plan for the proposed new development.

Carried

Work: Economic Development

b) Pre-Discussion: Top 10 Priorities for 2019

Committee reviewed the list of top 10 priorities identified in the economic development strategy update in 2017. Committee briefly discussed the current list and requested staff to provide Committee with an update to the list identifying the current status of each priority. There was a general discussion with respect to increasing the accessibility of broadband services. It was noted that EOWC is working with EORN to lobby the provincial and federal governments for funding to close the cellphone and internet gaps in Eastern Ontario. There was consensus from Committee to direct staff to prepare a presentation report, for the July meeting, on the top 10 priorities with a status update on each of the priorities.

Play: Recreation

c) Discussion: Recreational Activities in Edwardsburgh Cardinal

Committee reviewed the list and suggested that an additional column be added to indicate which village/town the activity is being held. Members noted that the Town of Prescott has recently developed a recreation guide. There was a discussion with respect to Prescott's recreation guide and how the Township may be able to develop a similar guide in the future, once the Committee has determined their focus.

Committee reviewed the current Township brochure which was recently updated in 2019. There was a discussion with respect to possible future development of a 5-6 page extended guide based on the brochure. Members noted that further discussions need to take place for the Committee to narrow down the focus and approach they want to take to engage the public for the survey. Members highlighted that the Committee should determine their end goal of what they want to accomplish before the Committee directs staff to develop more brochures or surveys.

Committee discussed how a survey may be presented to the community, specifically if the survey would be completed in person at various community locations/events, via the Township website and social media, and/or developing an online survey open to everyone.

There was a brief discussion with respect to the Committee holding the monthly meetings at different locations within the Township. Members suggested that the survey may indicate where the community is interested in volunteering with recreation ideas before the Committee sets other meeting locations. Members confirmed that they are able to email staff with additional activity items to be added to the recreation list. There was consensus from Committee to direct staff

to include a new column to the recreation list identifying the village/town where the activity is being held. There was consensus from Committee to have the Recreational Activities in Edwardsburgh Cardinal item recurring on the agenda.

6. Inquiries/Notices of Motion – None
7. Question Period

The following questions/comments were raised:

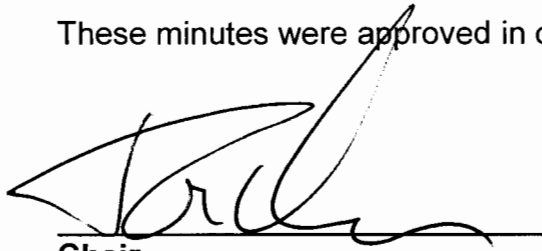
- Township surveys have not worked in the past. Members should approach and attend other recreational and volunteer groups' meetings to gather feedback.

8. Closed Session – None
9. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Dillabough seconded by: C. Ward that Committee does now adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 24th day of June, 2019.



Chair



Deputy Clerk