

EDC MINUTES WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2014

1. PRESENT: Wave Weir, Peter Brewster, Debbie McMurray, John Cole, Mike Kekkonen, Peter Hopkins. The chair welcomed Mike as our second council representative as well as John, Peter, and David as new bona fide members. . Council also approved that there is no need for a police check for Council Committees except the members of the Recreation Committee
2. Excused: David Downing
3. Visitors: Greg Godbeer, Glenn Jones, Bonnie and Henry Beier
4. Minutes of Nov, 14: Motion: McMurray/Hopkins: “ That the revised minutes of November be approved”- carried
5. Correspondence: None
6. REPORTS:
 - i- Market: The Market Manager’s report need to be circulated to EDC members and to the market vendors. Lots of discussion about the future of the market and how to make it grow and double the number of vendors especially food vendors. The current vendors were quite positive about this year and the manager. The special events- music and kids day were well - received. It was felt that the Market Manager needed to be hired earlier and be appointed for a two year term to allow it to grow. Need to clarify insurances.

 - ii-Pioneer College: We are looking for a volunteer to develop and oversee the courses offered through Pioneer College. Candle making had 8 participants . Need a volunteer to oversee the creation of a new Pioneer series and need to advertise for the position asap.

 - iii-Smart Community – no more to report. Rogers will make a second presentation to Council on Dec 15 to erect a 35 m “ pine” tower on municipal land in Maplewood subdivision. The MLCA in conjunction with the Smart Community are conducting a survey regarding the need for the tower.

 - iv-Intern: The application is in but no approval as of today

 - v-Age Friendly Planning Grant: has been announced for \$25,000 to do research into developing a plan to improve services to seniors. A second ask is expected to implement the approved plan.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINES:
 - i-New Appointments: EDC has received two new applications to be a member of EDC – Mr Greg Godbeer and Mr Glenn Jones. If approved by Council we now have a complete complement of EDC members (9) going forward for the term of council

 - ii-The EDC Terms of Reference were reviewed and will be circulated independently. Wave will edit. Basically in “Purpose” to add ED concepts- and a definition; in Composition: appoint officers annually in Jan; members to a 4 year term; and circulate approved minutes to Council; Budget. Need to clarify role of staff in assisting council committees with information and data

And add " Council" approved...The Committee-annual " summary" by Feb 28 along with its new proposed budget, Resolutions will be numbered. Minutes should be circulated to all standing committees of Council to improve communication between them.

-iii-Long Range ED Plan: There is a need to put the projects on a priority basis with a cost analysis and ways to finance. The three that seem to have consensus are: Minerva Park improvements ; Beautification ideas and The Hub concept. These could be accomplished with little cost and within a shorter time frame. We have a lot of materials and information but it needs to be condensed and abbreviated with a vision and a clear set of objectives. A few EDC members will meet to work on a draft before the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

-a-John Cole suggested we consider the following:

i. Finalize the Conceptual Paper – Dec 14

ii, Complete a 10 year demographic and financial forecast by May 15

iii-Relook at the rental property issue

iv-Firm up the possibility and cost of the Walking Bridge in Minerva Park as our opportunity expires in 2015

v-Develop a private, unassumed roads policy for summer and winter maintenance agreements

vi-Need to spend time researching the availability, applicability and timely submission of federal and Provincial grants

9.RESOLUTIONS TO COUNCIL

-i-#EDC #1 –McMurray/Cole: " To approve a two year contract for the Market Manager beginning in January, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$2000 per annum." Approved

-ii- # EDC-2/14:Peter/Debbie; "That EDC recommend that Glenn Jones and Greg Godbeer be appointed as members of EDC". Approved

-iii- #EDC-3/14: Debbie/Peter; "That EDC support the petition to install paved shoulders along #559 and #124". Approved

-iv- #EDC -4/14; Peter /John " EDC accept the Market Managers report". Approved

-v- #EDC 5/14 Debbie/Peter: " That John Cole work with staff to determine the long term demographical and financial information for the EDC Long term Plan"- Approved

10, Next Meeting: Wednesday January 7/15 at 7:30pm Council