

## EDC Minutes April 2, 2015

1. Accepted minutes as corrected. Moved Debbie McMurray, Second Dave Downing

4. Visitors, Don Carmicheal, Ken Jackson, Henry Beier

6. Reports

Market. Mike Kekkonen reported on the spring vendors meeting. It was noted that EDC should have been notified of the date. Jane Saville's report is submitted. Highlights include; there will be no market the May long weekend, request for removal of the 100 mile clause from the guidelines, agreements and guidelines have been sent to vendors, posters have been made up and Facebook active.

Pioneer School. 7 children and their guardians attended the Kids Can Cook Pasta. Age range 7 years to 76 years. A great success, lots of fun! Requests are being received for Edible Wilds and Cheese making. Dates to be determined.

The Ridge at Manitou is hosting a golf with meal fundraising event.

The new intern, Mackenzie Taylor, will begin April 13.

The Township building officer, Reg Moore, will be retiring. Chris Bordeleaux has been hired to be trained before Reg leaves.

Active Living Fair, discussed need for proper signage.

Roles of EDC members to oversee projects;

Trails – John Cole, Peter Hopkins

Market- Debbie McMurray, Mike Kekkonen

Pioneer School- David Downing, Wave Weir

Special Events- Peter Hopkins, Debbie McMurray

Intern Contact- John Cole

Strategic Plan Templates- John Cole, Greg Godbeer, Glen Jones

Signage- Glen Jones, Greg Godbeer

Minerva Park – all of committee

Noted that council is bringing forward resolutions to eliminate one EDC rep. and remove McKellar from Redac. No discussion.

## 7. Unfinished Business

No response from council regarding submitted resolutions.

No date set by council for suggested open meeting with council, staff, and EDC regarding presentation to council on Strategic Plan.

John did presentation regarding the need to plan in order to implement any recommendations in the Strategic Plan. Suggested that template be complete by July for possible discussion at said meeting.

#### **8. New Business**

Group discussion including visitors, highlights;

- need to keep staff in the forefront of any long term planning
- need to get clarification from council on procedures for going forward
  - that a strategic plan is a living document that evolves with the desires and needs of the community
  - the need for accountability statements, “say what you are going to do and then do it”
  - Canadore College hosts strategic Plan workshops
  - indication that a focus for the intern is to research grants therefore stressed the need to have capital projects ready to go so as to be able to avail ourselves of any grants as they come up
  - importance of year round business being in the community
  - \_ Mike Kekkonen discussed the availability of the Brownley Rd. Camp to a not for profit group. Think of possible interested parties to be considered.
  - Iron Man Triathlon Triple T event conducts training sessions, possible that they be considered in our area
  - Fire Chief is investigating other fire halls when considering a new one for McKellar
  - support of the ideas in our presentation to council, hope that council moves ahead
  - the township needs an overarching plan
  - council in budget talks now

#### **9. Motion and Notice of Motion**

That a letter be submitted asking the roads department to level Minerva Park dips for safety of Market attendees and vendors. Moved Dave Downing, second Debbie McMurray

#### **10. Next meeting**

Since changed to Tuesday May 5 6:30 p.m.