

EDC Minutes June 2, 2015 Corrected

Present: Peter Hopkins, John Cole, Wave Weir, Greg Godbeer, Mackenzie Taylor, Gord Zulak, Debbie McMurray

Absent: Peter Brewster, Dave Downing

Visitors: Bonnie Beier, Henry Beier, Mike Kekkonen

Minutes of May 5 meeting accepted. Moved by Greg Godbeer, seconded Debbie McMurray

Correspondence:

Resignation from EDC member Glen Jones with regrets.

Local Hero's Awards: Nominations by June 30/15 for those individuals and businesses that improve the environment at a local level. Cash awards to be put to use supporting local associations.

Makenzie will check on who can nominate, and forward award info to the local business community.

150 Grant – Mike Kekkonen explained various eligible projects as well as his suggested project to put a statue in McKellar.

Reports:

Ombudsman Investigation – Cole informed the EDC that we received notice of an investigation regarding the closed section of the May 5, 2015 meeting. Although not a provincial law to require open meetings, it is a McKellar bylaw for committees to perform as council.

Council resolutions – 15-197, Where council requested to have all original EDC correspondence regarding the poll of opinions regarding the EDC rep.

- 15-201, there will now be shared council representation on EDC in order to minimize council's financial contributions. Peter Hopkins will represent council one month, Mike Kekkonen the next.

- 15-202, Council appointed Gord Zulak as a member of EDC

Unfinished Business:

John addressed EDC mandate, concern with what has been reported on in the paper, the need to put in place a strategic plan. We work with ideas in principle before an idea can be adopted. We must look toward what we want for our children and grandchildren in 20 years.

Minerva Park Walking Bridge – the 2010 file on the project was studied again. Money had been allocated to do the engineering, expropriate land, get permits, quotes, etc. Donations from the public have been collected. Although no documentation was found regarding the abutments or the approved soil samples common opinion is that the cost of the abutments was too high and the project stalled. John Cole and Gord Zulak to return to the file and investigate what has happened and what is needed to get this project completed. John is sending info to Technopost for information and estimates.

Mike Kekkonen discussed encouraging local B&B's to operate and perhaps offer a seminar to train the public to run them. He stated that although short term rental of water frontage is not permitted, B&B's on the water are allowed.

Active Living and Trade Fair: date will be September 19, 2015. Businesses will be invited to show their wares, four vendors are already confirmed. Entrance fee is \$10. \$150 was budgeted for last year, but was not enough to cover expenses. Discussion was had that the necessary expenses can come from another budget line. Next planning committee meeting, Thurs. July 9th @ 6pm. More volunteers are encouraged to attend. Fundraising ideas are needed.

Park Benches and Bike Racks – need to establish recommended number and locations and share info with the rec committee and library committee. Each bench cost approx. \$1,000. Funding may be accessed through the Parkland Dedication fund.

Wave and Greg will do a walkabout before next meeting and come back with recommendations.

Market - Mackenzie reported for Jane. It has been difficult confirming vendors. Copies of the township directories need to be available for distribution. Greg will follow up with Glen for the information on the market signage. Mackenzie to copy sign info to Greg. Vista Print could be considered for signage prices. Mackenzie to confirm actual Moose advertising costs for this year.

Business Directory - letters of appreciation sent to Phil and Julie.

Strategic Plan Template – John, Wave and Greg to work on it. Greg is available after June 21.

MLCA Poll - Wave to meet with Makenzie to discuss possible procedures.

New Business:

Gord Zulak suggested the idea of floating signs on the lake.

Fed Nor document indicates that average annual income in the area is \$14,000 less than the provincial average.

Council discussed compiling a list for projects that can be put into grants as they come available. EDC to give ideas to council by putting more detail into the templates and have them for next meeting ready to then present to council.

Status of OPP funding proposals discussed.

Motion and Notice Motion:

John Cole and Gord Zulak to continue pursuing information on the Minerva Park Walking Bridge in order to request information and initial quotes from appropriate businesses. Moved, Debbie McMurray. Seconded, Greg Godbeer. Passed.

Next Meeting: July 2, 2015

Adjournment: 8:45 pm