

## IROQUOIS WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

15 April 2021

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chairman John Ross, using the Team Meeting platform.

In Attendance: Keith Poore, John & Diane Ross, Marg Lee, Pierrette Racine, Joyce Latulipe, Jim Millard, and Walter Bailey. Representing the municipality was Parks and Recreation manager, Austin Marcellus and Mayor Steven Byvelds.

The agenda was accepted on a motion **by Pierrette, seconded by Marg - Carried**

Approval of Minutes of Mar. 25, 2021 – **motion by Pierrette, seconded by Joyce, Carried**

#### **Business arising:**

In response to a question from John, Steven reported that council had endorsed the paving of the runway this summer and staff had been instructed to work with John to carry out the project.

The matter of providing functional Wi-Fi service at the campground was reviewed. John reported that the antenna has been installed on the building and tests showed better than expected results. Austin reported that the Bell data lines should be installed in the next couple of weeks.

The updated Terms of Reference for the Iroquois Waterfront Advisory and Implementation committee were discussed, and Steven reported that the document has been passed along to staff for review and will be brought to council at their April 26 meeting.

Concerning the installation of bollards to prevent motorized vehicles on the pathways, Austin reported that six bollards have been installed and four signs indicating that motorized vehicles are prohibited will be installed shortly. A suggestion was made that several large rocks are also needed to keep trucks and motorcycles from driving on the grass to access the path. In response to a previous discussion about how to access the by-law officer for non-

emergencies after hours and on weekends, Steven agreed to work with Nicole [by-law] to define the procedure and get back to the committee.

Jim and Pierrette reported that progress is being made on the installation of historic signs along the path. Nine pedestals have been ordered and photos and background information are being prepared for installation during the summer.

Discussion took place regarding possible installation of shade sails or an awning to block the sun on the deck near the canteen. It was determined that construction of a pergola with some vines was a more cost-effective way to deal with the issue. It was moved by Keith and seconded by Joyce that we pursue the design and construction of a pergola on the deck. Regarding securing the tables to the deck, Austin will advise Keith when the work is happening, and Keith will do a site visit to provide input.

A discussion took place on crowd control at the beach this summer as warm weather will undoubtedly bring many visitors and by-law will have to deal with Covid restrictions. Steven indicated that council was not in favour of instituting a policy of charging visitors to the community while allowing local residents free access. He noted that by-law and staff will monitor the situation and react accordingly.

Austin reported on his investigation of water infiltration through the serving window at the canteen and presented several alternatives to solve the problem. It was agreed that for this year, a silicone seal will be installed, and the committee endorsed a longer-term solution that would see installation of a swinging door that would have a white-board on the back for a list of menu items.

A short brainstorming session was held on the matter of placement of park benches along the waterfront path. Austin was thanked for having forwarded a copy of the Municipality's bench and tree policy. It was felt that a grouping of several benches, and perhaps a picnic table and trees would provide for social interaction, along with some benches placed individually to allow for peaceful enjoyment of the water. It was noted that trees would have to be selected and placed carefully and perhaps pruned to preserve the river view from

Elizabeth Drive. For our next meeting, Walter will distribute results of his research on benches so we can rank our favourites. The hope is that we can move quickly on this project and perhaps get some seating installed this year. Steven explained that we could fund benches from our budget and make them available for purchase as commemorative benches. Joyce and Pierrette volunteered to work together to come up with locations and numbers for benches.

**New Business:**

A short discussion took place regarding a boathouse that is currently under construction. Steven reported that the area is not zoned so there are no guidelines regarding size and colour. The committee felt the building was grossly out of proportion to the surroundings. Additionally, that either the colour policy originally instituted by the former village of Iroquois could have been followed or that less bold siding and roof colours could have been selected that would have afforded much better visual blending with the adjacent buildings.

**The meeting adjourned on a motion by Keith. Our next meeting will be on May 6.**