

The Iroquois Waterfront Advisory & Implementation Committee Meeting

Thursday, 9 December, 2021, 7:00 p.m.,
(meeting in person in Iroquois Civic Centre)

Minutes

Present were John Ross, Pierrette Racine, Walter Bailey, Diane Ross, Jim Millard, Keith Poore and Mayor Steven Byvelds.. Regrets from Austin Marcellus and Stephen McDonald.

The agenda was **approved on a motion by Keith and seconded by Pierrette. Carried.**

The Minutes from our most recent meeting on Nov. 25 were approved on a **motion by Jim and seconded by Walter. Carried.**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Park Bench Project

John reported that all documents and information relating to the park benches has been turned over to Austin Marcellus for follow-up. Austin had sent a report indicating that a tree planted on behalf of the Thompson family had been planted in the wrong location and would be moved in the spring.

John reported on having had initial discussions with Lloyd McMillan about remediation and proper drainage of the weed-infested area in front of the historic sign south of the Carman House. The cost to drain and level the area would come in around \$6,000. The mayor admonished John for having talks with a contractor about work being done on municipal property without the involvement of staff. John explained that Austin was on leave at the time and a cost estimate was required for this meeting, so he went ahead and obtained it.

With reference to the letter received by John noting the dangerous condition of the historic weir near the boathouses, Austin reported that staff are aware of the situation because of a safety audit and improvements were recommended. It will be dealt with in the spring. It was noted that the area comes under the auspices of the municipality because it is leased from OPG.

Committee Projects for 2022

The secretary reviewed the list of potential projects for 2022, created at our last meeting. Each was addressed and budget request figures were attached to them.

Jim referred to a request from the Historical Society for financial help in staging a fund-raising event called “art in the park” in June – **Price - \$500**

Pierrette presented the results of her research on sign boards for visitors. These are to be placed near the air strip, the beach, the campground and possibly at the marina. **Pricing for that is \$2,000.**

Keith presented several proposals: one for riparian edge planting, similar to the work being planned for the Morrisburg shoreline. He expressed frustration that this work had been planned and grants received without our committee having any knowledge of it. He feels if we had better communication between the two committees, he would have saved a lot of time and effort. **The price estimate for this is \$6,000.**

He also provided information and pricing on creation of a wildflower meadow between the southern edge of the airstrip and the walking path, providing an area for pollinators and reducing the amount of grass that must be cut. **The price tag on this project is estimated at \$8,500. but it was noted that there should be considerable savings in the cost of mowing grass.**

His third proposal was a follow-up on our last meeting providing more information on establishing a disc golf course on the parkland immediately south of Elizabeth Drive, near Adair Road. He has consulted with operators of a similar course in Kemptville and proposes **an amount of \$2,000** in the budget proposal for the initial planning work.

Jim suggested that we should budget for two more benches and concrete pads along the pathway. **Pricing is \$6,500.**

Jim asked the group to consider three more historic plaques along the waterfront path. **Pricing is \$1,800.**

Jim noted that there is an error in the sign near the Carman House showing the map overlays. Re-doing of **the sign itself will cost \$200.**

The committee would like to complete the installation of the water bottle filling station and fountain at the beach. **Pricing on that is shown to be 2,150.**

After discussion of all the proposals, they were ranked in order of preference for council’s budget deliberations and the results are as follows. This will be re-worked into a submission for council by Dec. 17.

Ranking	Item	Cost
1	2 new concrete pads and 2 park benches	6,500
2	Funding donation for Art in the Park [HSSD]	500
3	Remediation of weeded area in front of our plaque near Carman House	6,000
4	Installation of Water Bottle Filling Station at beach	2,150
5	Replacement of sign [overlay maps]	200
6	Creation of wildflower meadow	8,500
7	Initial study and planning for Disc Golf Course	2,000
8	Creation of sign boards for visitors to beach, airstrip, campground	2,000
9	Three new historic plaques on walking path	1,800.
10	Creation of riparian edge along shoreline	6,000
	total	35,650

It was **moved by Keith, seconded by Pierrette that the above list of prioritized items and pricing be prepared and forwarded to council for budget deliberations. Carried.**

New Business:

John presented the committee with invoicing information for items he paid for personally in the prototype stages of the park bench project. [His list is attached to these minutes] It was **moved by Keith, seconded by Walter that John be reimbursed \$3,257.93 from our funds for these costs. Carried.**

A discussion on airport height restrictions on tonight's agenda was put forward to our next meeting which will take place Jan. 27/22

Adjourned on a **motion by Walter.**

John Ross - request for reimbursement:

John Ross - Iroquois Bench Project Purchases 06 December 2021

Please refund the following Bench Project expenses I have incurred in moving the project forward.

Receipts are attached.

U.S. dollars are converted to Canadian dollars as at the purchase date.

**Thank you,
John Ross**

Total HST

Incl. HST

- 1) Prototype Bench, Henderson invoice 127348 1,571.83 180.83
(Fully Usable, now Installed in bench location "A")**
- 2) Bench slat, Henderson invoice 128067
(Prototype bench slat, milled for inseting a plaque - not usable) 142.38 16.38**
- 3) Bench slat, Henderson order 21-11305
(Milled for plaque, new dimensions, -to be used on bench "A") 142.38 16.38**
- 4) Qty 8 Bench slats, Henderson order 21-11309 596.64 68.64
(milled inset or plaques – For use on the 8 benches ordered)**
- 5) Security screws, Amazon Ship Oct 4, (unsuitable, not returnable) 39.23 0**
- 6) COMOK bit set for security screws, Amazon Shipped Nov 29 22.99 0**
- 7) Granger order 1432261820, security screws (final) for the plaques 47.21 5.44**
- 8) Stainless steel washers Amazon (18 May) (for bench installation) 19.20 2.21**
- 9) Security nuts and tool e-bay 13 May 2021 (for bench installation) 115.67**
- 10) Security nuts e -bay 1 June 2021 (for bench installation) 286.83 0**
- 11) Qty 25 Bolts, Stainless, e-bay 13 May 2021 (for concrete pads) 50.01 0**
- 12) Qty 50 Bolts, Stainless, e-bay 1 June 2021 (for concrete pads) 88.32 0**

Total reimbursement requested: \$3,122.69

HST \$289.88

Please refund the following Bench Project expenses.

These relate to supplies used to mount temporary benches on the new concrete pads. The temporary benches are being enjoyed by the public until such time as donated benches become available.

They are also protecting the bolts embedded in the concrete pads from accident or vandalism.

A really good investment.

Receipts are attached.

Thank you,

John Ross

Total HST

Incl. HST

1) Thompson 16 Aug Wood for adapters \$ 73.77 \$ 8.49

2) Thompson' 17 Aug Bolts, washers and nuts \$ 61.47 \$ 7.07

Total reimbursement requested: \$ 135.24

HST \$ 15.56