

IROQUOIS WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

28 January 2021

Minutes

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

In Attendance: Steven Byvelds, Keith Poore, John & Diane Ross, Marg Lee, Pierrette Racine, Jim Millard, Joyce Latulippe. John introduced guest Austin Marcellus, recently named as Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, inviting him to be a regular participant in our meetings.

Acceptance of amended Agenda - **motion by Joyce, seconded by Marg - Carried**

Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2020 - **motion by Joyce, seconded by Pierrette, Carried**

Business arising:

The committee reviewed and discussed a proposed updated Terms of Reference for the Iroquois Waterfront Advisory and Implementation committee. John reported that he had met recently with Mayor Byvelds to review the document but noted that council has the final say in the matter. Discussion concerning the scope of the committee's mandate indicated that the day to day operation of recreational installations such as the marina and campground, once up and running, are out of our jurisdiction. Any major changes and new uses of the land should be brought to our group for input. The mayor urged that we do not get bogged down in day-to-day operational matters but to focus on the larger picture.

John raised the matter of drainage along the recently paved walking paths. After some discussion, the mayor asked that John make a proposal to council, working with Transportation Manager, Jeff Hyndman and Austin Marcellus on best ways to resolve the drainage matter. Drainage of water from the campground will also be part of that discussion.

A discussion of proposed budgets resulted in Jim, Marg and Keith being asked to meet with Austin to make budget recommendations as to how to enhance the design of the deck at the beach house to deter skateboarders and trick-riding cyclists from using the surface, and how to add more visual appeal. The mayor noted that budget requests are to be submitted by Feb. 22.

Discussion moved to the operation of the snack bar at the beach. After a year of inactivity there was hope that, COVID regulations permitting, the snack bar could be open this year. The matter of buying stock, coordinating cash, and scheduling workers has become a complex matter and no one on the committee is willing to take on the job. It was noted that other groups and businesses have tried to make the operation viable and have not succeeded. It was agreed that an advertisement will be placed on our Facebook page looking for organized groups who might want to operate the snack bar this year. Failing that, it was agreed that we abandon the snack bar business and focus on installing maps and signs for local businesses that offer snack food or delivery for take-out foods such as pizza.

John provided a report on the efforts to have wi-fi installed at the campground. Eastlink has indicated they have no interest in setting up lines and equipment for a short season. John noted some success with a Brockville company that uses Bell lines and he feels the installation could be completed, offering internet to campers for less than \$15. per month. John will provide Austin with the details.

John reported that the airport runway needs repaving and the work is scheduled for this summer. The contract will probably go to Cornwall Gravel, the only contractor who agreed to meet the airport requirements, with John covering the entire \$180,000 cost. A temporary road will need to be installed to connect the airstrip to Adair Road. This will be removed, and landscaping completed immediately after the paving. The committee fully endorsed the project on **a motion by Keith, seconded by Marg. Carried.**

After being on hold due to COVID, the project of historical signs along the waterfront was discussed and it is hoped can be completed this year. Jim and Pierrette will meet with the historical society regarding placement and wording. Jim agreed to contact John Glead who spearheaded the Morrisburg sign project.

At this time, the meeting moved to an in-camera session on a motion by Jim, seconded by Joyce to permit the committee to discuss personnel matters about any identifiable individual, including employees or members. Carried.

A motion to come out of camera was made by Keith, seconded by Joyce. Carried.

The secretary was instructed to send a note to council asking them to approve the application for membership from Walter Bailey.

Keith, who had orchestrated our Zoom meeting asked about various platforms for meetings and was instructed to speak to municipal staff to determine which platforms were licensed for future use by our group.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Marg. Next meeting is set for February 18.