

## **Iroquois Waterfront Advisory & Implementation**

### **Committee Meeting**

**June 24, 2021**

The meeting began at 7:30 on the Microsoft Teams platform after some connectivity issues.

Present: John Ross, Keith Poore, Jim Millard, Pierrette Racine, Walter Bailey & Austin Marcellus representing the municipality. Rebecca Comfort of the Leader was also present online.

Regrets: Joyce Latulippe, Marg Lee, Mayor Byvelds

The agenda was discussed, with Keith questioning the need for several items but it was approved on a motion by Pierrette and seconded by Walter. Carried.

The minutes of the meeting of May 20 were approved on a motion by Jim, seconded by Walter and carried.

Because Austin was also working at the vaccination clinic, several items requiring his input were dealt with. The waterfront path signs have all been picked up and are stored awaiting installation.

A request has been made to do locates of underground wiring etc. Part of that work has been completed. When it is all finished, plans will be firmed up to use the HydroVac truck to prepare holes for concrete. In answer to a question, Austin indicated that the installation work would be carried out at municipal expense and would not come from our budget. This was confirmed by several committee members who remembered the mayor making that statement.

The issue of security cameras at the beach and campground was discussed. Austin and Keith have firmed up the requirements and camera locations. Austin agreed to keep council up to date on the project and to get installation assistance from the new facilities manager. John Ross is paying for the equipment, and it appears that most items can be purchased for about one thousand dollars. It was noted that there will be a few additional things, but the cost will be minimal. It was moved by Pierrette and seconded by Jim that we proceed with this installation project. Carried. Austin will seek council approval and will pass along to municipal staff the exact information on the items to be ordered and paid for by John by a later donation.

In the process of selecting locations for our commemorative benches, it has been determined that there is a quantity of brush along the shoreline that is interfering with the view.

Austin indicated that he had planned on cleaning this up this year but needs to check with the South Nation Conservation Authority for final approval. That work will come out of the parks budget and not ours.

On a side note, there are several trees that are becoming too tall to be in the airport vicinity. One in particular is growing on or near the beach parking lot.

John and Austin reported that the municipality has installed previously used benches at the locations we have selected. These will be helpful to walkers until the commemorative benches can be installed.

A map was shared, showing the locations of the seven bench locations that will be prepared this summer. Pierrette and Walter have done the layout and John has secured pricing from Tibben Masonry for the concrete pads.

It was moved by Walter and seconded by Jim that we accept the locations for all seven benches as they are shown on the drawing and also accept the quoted price from Tibben Masonry of \$5,040 plus HST for installation of the concrete. Carried.

John showed photos of seven benches that have been previously used and have been cleaned up and painted by the campers. They will mount these on pieces of lumber in such a manner that they can be installed on the completed pads and secured using the same bolt layout. The re-conditioned benches will be placeholders for the commemorative benches that we can promote to potential sponsors later this summer.

A quick review of the work done at the memorial rock just off Elizabeth Drive showed that everyone is pleased with the removal of the trees and the general cleanup. Perennials and some annuals have been planted in a rejuvenated bed at the rock.

John reported on the paving work on the air strip. He noted that both the paving and the landscape work by Lloyd McMillan were perfect. The contractor who did the painting of the lines on the runway did a poor job and the paint will be removed and re-done by another contractor.

### **New Business**

There is a proposal for a new building in which to store the lawn grooming equipment for both the campground and the lawn bowlers.

Currently the lawn bowlers transport their mowing equipment from an area farm and then take it back again. That arrangement is coming to an end, and it is hoped that a new building will accommodate both groups. The existing building, which is an eyesore to neighbours can be replaced with a lower profile building near the existing lawn bowling storage building.

John reported that the lawn bowlers have asked for approval in principle from our committee for the removal of the old building and construction of a new one to be shared by both groups. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Walter that our committee supports in principle the concept of a new shared building for grass cutting machinery. The motion also suggests an on-site meeting to review the matter with input from all stakeholders: bowlers, campers, neighbours and municipal representatives. Carried unanimously.

At the same time, there was discussion on the dumpster located near the old building. The feeling was that it should also be relocated to a less conspicuous spot that would also be more convenient for the campers.

Because the community attends events at the campground building and because an unfortunate decision involving the sidewalk would have made it impossible to hold such events involving grilled food, such as the Fly-In Breakfast, John reported on this situation. The problem involved

an area of concrete for use of several gas grills near the new campground building. The original plan had called for an extended concrete area tied into the sidewalk to allow the grills to be the legal distance of 10 feet from the building. Due to perceived drainage issues, the sidewalk has been removed and a new one poured. However, the extended concrete for the grills had been eliminated. John noted that a solution of the matter has now been determined. Tibben Masonry has prepared a quote for a new separate concrete pad for the grills, and this will be submitted to the Municipality.

With many projects underway at this busy time, it was agreed that our next meeting would be called at the pleasure of the chair when required.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Pierrette.