

IROQUOIS WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

25 March 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by chairman John Ross, using the Team Meeting platform.

In Attendance: Keith Poore, John & Diane Ross, Marg Lee, Pierrette Racine, Jim Millard, and Walter Bailey. Representing the municipality was Parks and Recreation manager, Austin Marcellus. Rebecca Comfort of the Leader was also present. Joining the meeting later was Graham Shepherd, representing the seasonal campers at the Iroquois campground. Regrets were received from Mayor Stephen Byvels and Joyce Latulippe.

The agenda was amended to include an update on Adirondack chairs by Austin. Acceptance of Agenda - **motion by Pierrette, seconded by Walter - Carried**

Approval of Minutes of Feb. 25, 2021 – **motion by Jim, seconded by Marg, Carried**

Business arising:

John updated the group on the expected cost and schedule to pave the runway. The current cost estimate is \$165,120, funded completely by donation. The work is to commence in July when soil conditions are optimum. Movement of contractor's trucks and machinery on Adair Rd. may cause some (controlled) disruption to car traffic to the beach.

The matter of providing functional Wi-Fi service at the campground was reviewed. John expressed full confidence that the system he proposed will optimally meet the requirements and will be economical to operate. As a result of council's hesitancy in accepting John's proposal, he has offered to proceed, without cost to the municipality, with a trial of his proposed system. John would cover the cost of all installation, equipment and operating costs for the first year, with installation to be completed during April. This will give ample proof of the suitability and reliability of the system. John also reminded us that this is also the Airport Building and that if internet is not to be provided

to the campers, then he will provide it for the visiting aircraft pilots and passengers.

John and Austin will get together to work out details of an internet trial. Graham Shepherd spoke on the matter saying that the campers all wanted a reliable and effective internet service. He added that tests on John's proposed system conducted twice last summer has completely verified that it will do the job.

The ongoing matter of drainage of runoff water in and around the campground was reviewed. John and Austin will work out a time frame for a meeting with the Roads Superintendent to review the requirements and come up with properly designed solutions. John has offered to fund the project if he and the municipality staff commit to working together on this project.

The updated Terms of Reference for the Iroquois Waterfront Advisory and Implementation committee did not make it to the agenda for council's recent meeting. They, along with our minutes will be submitted again for approval at the next meeting of council.

A short brainstorming session was held on the matter of park benches in order to come up with criteria for a bench to be included as part of our plans to install benches along the waterfront path. John and Walter reported that they have done considerable research on bench selection and related policies in area communities.

Austin agreed to forward to all members, the latest bench policy that has been adopted by council. He noted that there are several bench styles proposed by staff.

It was felt by the committee that, for best stability and long life, any bench should have four legs that can be bolted to a floating concrete pad. Walter will continue to narrow down the choices to a just a few suitable bench candidates

that could be used along the Iroquois paths, with pricing and delivery details to be obtained for our next meeting.

Jim and Pierrette reported on the ongoing project to install historic signs at various spots along the pathways. The hope is that we can complete at least 8 signs this year and stay under the ten-thousand-dollar mark, leaving some of our budget for other projects. John Gleed has provided specifications for the pedestals on which the signs will be mounted, based on his work in Morrisburg. Jim reported that he had not heard back from staff on the policy for placing an order for the steel pedestals and frames. It is difficult to get firm pricing on steel this year and inaction could hold up the project. So that the project could proceed immediately, John offered to fund this part of the project and to seek later reimbursement from the municipality. **A motion to proceed with the fabrication of eight pedestals and frames was made by Keith, seconded by Marg.**

Austin provided an update on plans to install the Adirondack chairs assigned to Iroquois Beach. There will be two clusters of five chairs, attached together to prevent theft. The committee indicated a hope that they can be installed in an area where they will get shade for part of the day.

Keith asked Austin if the old unused barricades used to stop vehicles from using the pathways could be removed. Austin reported that new signs and bollards are ready to be installed. The question was asked of how to contact by-law enforcement on the weekends or evenings to report vehicles on the paths. There is no effective municipal procedure and this remains unresolved.

Because we have so many ongoing matters at this time of year, John asked if we could meet in three weeks on April 15. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Keith.