

## IROQUOIS WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

20 May 2021

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 20 p.m. by chairman John Ross, using the Team Meeting platform. Problems experienced by some members logging in will necessitate an earlier login time for our next meeting.

In Attendance: Keith Poore, John & Diane Ross, Marg Lee, Pierrette Racine, Jim Millard, and Walter Bailey. Representing the municipality was Mayor Steven Byvelde. Rebecca Comfort of the Leader was also present. Regrets from Joyce Latulipe and Parks and Recreation manager, Austin Marcellus.

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

Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2021 – **motion by Walter, seconded by Pierrette, Carried**

#### **Business arising:**

**Historical Signs:** Progress report: Pierrette and Jim reported that the layout and design for all the signs is almost complete and all members have seen and approved them. Locations have been chosen and Pierrette shared a map showing where each of the 9 signs will be placed. It is hoped they can be sent to the printer next week.

**Campground Wi-Fi & Security cameras:** John reported that the internet lines are installed, and preliminary tests indicated that there is only some fine tuning needed before the system can go live in the campground. Keith and Austin have reviewed locations for security cameras; it appears that cameras and links can be installed at the beach and campground for around \$1,500. Tests have shown that there are too many tall trees to offer this same service to the marina. John Ross has offered to pay for the security system and he and Keith will install it with Austin overseeing the project for the municipality.

**Beach deck pergola:** Keith has researched several designs that could work. The main issue would be in location so it was determined that if the structure is supported by three legs at the edge of the deck, it will be necessary to only install one support under the actual decking material. There was discussion about using trusses for better snow-load capability and longer shadows. Keith will continue to

refine the search. Due to the high cost of materials this year, the project will not happen until next year.

**Park bench project:** This project is moving along well. John was able to fast-track the delivery of a prototype bench and it has been situated in a location near the water pumping station on Elizabeth Drive. It has been reviewed by most members and all agreed that it was perfect for our needs. The matter of colour was discussed. The only gray that is available is a colder tone than we might like, but on a **motion by Jim, seconded by Walter**, it was agreed to go with gray instead of any of the other colours that were available. John noted that he has been able to locate proper stainless-steel bolts, washers and nuts at a good price. He will be funding the first bench himself to commemorate the life of his daughter.

It was noted that a picnic table is favoured at that same location for both visiting airplane pilots and visitors who stop to look at the plaque commemorating the original village. The location of this prototype bench will make for simple construction of a concrete base which will be installed by Tibben Masonry. John and Walter will work together with Austin to locate and install the bench so it can be used as a model for further installations. It was **moved by Pierrette and seconded by Walter** that the committee proceed with installation of the bench in consultation with the municipality. Carried

Pierrette showed a map of locations for the placement of up to 8 benches and aside from some possible minor adjustments the plan met with approval. It was noted that we need to place an order for more benches soon if we are going to be able to install more before winter. Pierrette reminded the group that the benches are used all year by walkers who use the plowed paths. In replay to a question, **Mayor Byvelds agreed that some wooden benches from municipal stock could be placed** along the paths very soon for the convenience of walkers.

**Updated Terms of Reference document:** for the Iroquois Waterfront Advisory and Implementation Committee has been denied by council and John asked if we could have a post-mortem to see where the process to create the document had failed. After much discussion, it ended up that council had no specific issues with the content of the document but were perturbed that our committee had created our own terms of reference. The mayor noted that the municipality operates in a top-down style of management and that our document was seen as control coming from the bottom up. John expressed satisfaction that the document had been turned down on a procedural basis

rather than on specific content. A further meeting will be planned with municipal staff to try to come up with a document that all can work with.

### **New Business:**

#### **Beautification of the Elizabeth Drive memorial rock:**

A request from a member of the historical society has resulted in a closer look at the overgrown trees surrounding the rock and plaque that commemorate the original village. The request asked that the trees be trimmed or cut down and the flower bed re-instated. Members who had visited the site felt that the trees had gone too far to be trimmed back and should be removed and replaced with smaller shrubs. Austin, in an email prior to the meeting, indicated he would work with the historical society to tidy up the area.

**Painting of tables:** Another request that picnic tables at the beach be painted in bright primary colours to match the Adirondack chairs did not receive committee support. It was felt that we are working with a colour palette created by the consultants who came up with our concept plan. As well, the cost of labour and paint to do the work every couple of years would be prohibitive.

**Serving window cover:** Photos were reviewed of a swinging covering on the serving window at the beach canteen. Municipal staff were commended on the design and implementation.

Pierrette asked if our committee could receive an updated financial statement so we would know how much money we had to work with for the season. The mayor agreed to have that sent out to the committee immediately.

The meeting **adjourned at 9:30 on a motion by Pierrette**. Next meeting will be June 17, 2021.