

The Iroquois Waterfront Advisory & Implementation Committee Meeting

Thursday, 25 November, 2021, 7:00 p.m.,
(meeting in person in Iroquois Civic Centre)

Minutes

Present were John Ross, Pierrette Racine, Walter Bailey, Stephen McDonald, Diane Ross, Jim Millard, Keith Poore. Guests were Ron and Janine Beaupre, Vicki Hasson, Arla & Brian Veinotte, Judy & Don Fetterly and Ann Banford . Regrets from Mayor Steven Byvelds.

John said he had received a letter from Mayor Byvelds who regretted that he could not be present. In it, he urged the committee to move on from discussion of benches. However, he also provided much information and direction that is essential to our being able to move on, which John would cover in the meeting.

The committee was told of the resignation of member Marg Lee who has been with us from the formation of the committee. This news was accepted regretfully by members.

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

The Minutes from our most recent meeting on Oct. 14 were approved on a **motion by Pierrette and seconded by Walter. Carried.**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Park Bench Project

New information from the mayor has provided clarification of how the latest bench costs obtained by the committee can be applied to the provisions of Policy 3-20 that established the municipal memorial bench and tree installation policy. It was also noted that the municipal website also has an order form to be used for benches that, following the receipt of guidance from the Mayor, can to be updated by Staff to apply current costing and also add the plaque approved for use on Iroquois benches. Then, with the approval of Council, donations will be able to proceed.

Members of the committee and guests were provided with a print-out of the mayor's email to John in which the mayor explained in detail how each of the costs related to the benches be dealt with in accordance with his interpretation of the bench policy. This guidance was much appreciated.

John noted that because our committee is also an implementation committee, we have been working with suppliers and donors regarding this project to clarify all issues and needs. This attention to detail is required to ensure that when the items are eventually ordered and delivered, they will in all respects be exactly what is required. John explained that when all aspects of the project have been well defined by the committee, Staff can then proceed with their ordering process, in confidence that all is correct.

The mayor has said that the concrete pads are to be paid for through the budget allocated to the

waterfront committee. The pads are a permanent part of the pathway facilities, as opposed to the benches that can be replaced when needed. This firm direction was well received.

However, the plaque for the bench is personal in nature and cannot be considered a donated item, so 13% HST must be charged. The plaque will, on request, will be returned to the donor at the end of the term.

John remarked that the municipality is providing the donors with a good deal for their money because, unlike the 45 other municipalities he researched, South Dundas, according to the mayor, has generously decided to absorb the cost of maintenance and will not charge the donors a fee for this service. Otherwise, the committee had previously estimated the cost of a donor-paid maintenance fee for a 10-year term to be about \$650, based on the fee schedule of other municipalities.

The committee was provided with a copy of a quote for eight bench plaques from Classic Displays in Mississauga. The cost of a single plaque comes to \$279, including shipping and 13% HST. As an alternative, a quotation of \$376 plus HST for a single plaque had been previously received from Alloy Foundry Co., Ltd of Merrickville. However, when asked to quote on eight plaques, they chose not to provide a quote. Classic Displays has been very helpful and has even provided a sample bronze plaque, exactly as we have specified. This plaque, mounted in the bench slat recess as it would be, was shown to all in attendance and was greatly admired.

It was moved by Walter, seconded by Jim that the municipality be asked to place an order with Classic Displays as per their quote number 14284 for eight plaques. Carried. This quotation, along with a number of proposed donor plaque inscriptions used to obtain the quote, will be turned over to Austin for implementation.

John explained that the total cost for each of the eight benches that have been ordered was \$1,384 each, which includes 2% municipal HST cost and a \$74 cost for installation hardware. From this and the \$279 cost of the plaque, the new total donor fee for the bench including a high-quality plaque is expected to be on the order of \$1663. This can be compared with the current municipal fee of \$1837 plus HST, for the same bench with a simple plaque. Because the mayor had indicated that current costs will be used, the municipal Application needs updating.

The guests in attendance were provided with a layout of the park, indicating present and possible future bench locations, with possible locations indicated for each donor's sponsorship. There was some discussion as to adding more bench pads to accommodate the wishes of those who had a close connection to the old village of Iroquois. Keith urged the committee not to add many benches in one area or it will become congested. John asked the donors to work together to see if they could agree on locations. (Since the meeting, all bench site assignments appear to have been satisfactorily resolved among the donors involved).

New Business

It was agreed to follow the mayor's suggestion as to finding a replacement for Marg Lee. **It was moved by Jim, seconded by Keith** that we ask Shannon to place an ad in the Leader seeking applicants for the position. Carried.

Keith reported on a letter received by John from a local resident, deploring the state of disrepair of the historic weir at the east end of the boathouses. The railings and cables are rusting and there appears to

be serious damage to the underwater stonework. The area is likely to be a safety hazard and a liability issue for OPG. Because this is OPG property, Keith has been trying to contact someone there to discuss it. He has made many calls, all of which have been ignored. Stephen offered to provide a contact name that he has from dealings through the historical society.

Pierrette provided the financial statement of our accounts from the municipality. There was discussion regarding the item listed as donation from the 100 Men of South Dundas. This is for a fountain and water bottle filling station. **The committee would like a status update on that project**, as to whether the item has been purchased and is in storage, and what are the plans for completion of the project.

John provided a report on the creation of five tent camping sites for aircraft, explaining improvements to the drainage of the area and of the access for airplanes directly from the runway. All the work is complete and well below budget, finished, except for hydro-seeding which will be done in the spring. John funded the project himself.

An outstanding item on our project list is the installation of security cameras and a recording device for the beach and campground areas that John had offered to fully fund.. Keith reported that the project has been shelved, following council's policy on security cameras which seems to discourage their use.

The committee spent the rest of the meeting brain-storming project ideas and budget suggestions for our presentation to council for inclusion in the 2022 budget deliberations. A number of good ideas were put forward and it was agreed that we will meet next on December 9 to complete plans for a budget submission for 2022.

Adjourned on a **motion by Pierrette**.