

# The Iroquois Waterfront Advisory & Implementation Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m.,  
Iroquois library meeting room

## Minutes

Present were Pierrette Racine, Jim Millard, Keith Poore, Darlene Fortin, Peggy Gemert, Walter Bailey and John Ross [via Skype].

Because Chairman John was not present in person, plans to select a chair for the evening were modified to elect a vice-chair to cover us in the future. **Moved by Pierrette Racine, seconded by Peggy Gemert that Keith Poore be named vice chair. Approved on a unanimous vote.**

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

The Minutes from our most recent meeting on March 17 were approved on a **motion by Peggy and seconded by Walter. Carried.**

### **Business arising:**

Updates were provided on several projects that are underway for the summer months.

Pierrette and Peggy reported on progress with the welcome signs for airport, beach, marina and campground. They reported on discussions with Winchester Print to create four aluminum backed signs that would include a map of Iroquois and a listing of businesses. Proposed design and layout drawings were circulated for discussion. Consideration was given to adapting the sign artwork into a three-fold handout that could be offered to visitors. **It was moved by Pierrette and seconded by Peggy that the committee authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,000. for the design and production by Winchester Print of four 4-foot square aluminum signs. Carried.**

On the matter of plans for a frisbee golf course, Keith reported a COVID related delay in his plans to meet with the operators of the Kemptville course. Plans are back in place for that meeting, and he will be posting on social media, our hopes of a club being formed to run a frisbee golf program. The high school athletic department will be invited to participate as well.

Jim reported on the progress on this year's historic plaques on the pathway. Artwork photos were circulated for all to see. The three signs are ready for printing and pedestals have been delivered. A fourth sign with a slight correction will be reprinted from last year's group. The sign and pedestal that were destroyed by vandalism will be covered by insurance. The artwork for the destroyed sign is on file with Bill Morrow. **It was moved by Jim, seconded by Pierrette that the committee approves the purchase of four signs for the pathway up to a value of \$400 from Bill Morrow. Carried.** It was noted that John Gleed has provided his services at no charge to prepare the artwork again this year for the signs.

Keith reported on the ongoing investigation into selection of plants for the wildflower meadow that will run south of the airstrip to near the waterfront path. Based on the amount of water that sometimes lies in that area, the original wildflower mix may have to be modified. The South Nation River Conservation is recommending a plant mixture that can tolerate wet soil. Keith will work with Mayor Byvelde on plans to remove the existing vegetation and prepare the soil for fall planting. John Ross will do some research on remedies to drain the low-lying areas. He will also work on proposals to clear the ditch behind the airplane hangars.

### **New Business:**

There was concern from several members regarding safety and security along the waterfront path, stressing the need for lighting and cameras. This was highlighted by a recent vandalism incident. Research will begin this summer on acceptable lighting for the pathway, in preparation for next year's budget. It was noted that plans and parts lists were prepared several years ago for a camera system for the beach and pathway, but council opted not to proceed with the work.

Members suggested that a barrier post be reinstalled at the boathouse end of the path to prevent vehicles from driving on the path. (The post or posts should probably be placed in the middle of the ditch crossing so it can't be bypassed, and the same for the beach end of the path.) It was also noted that the beach parking lot needs grading and that the pavement on Adair Road where it meets Elizabeth Drive has disintegrated and needs to be repaired.

John suggested that we begin to plan now for the locations of additional benches and have information and proposals ready for budget time. We need to also select which trees need to be removed because they are dead or hindering the installation of benches or obstructing the view from benches.

It was noted that our budget allows for three additional concrete pads for benches this year, with locations to be selected soon.

The meeting adjourned on a **motion by Pierrette**. Next meeting is May 26/22.