



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Iroquois Waterfront Committee

May 17, 2023 7pm
Iroquois Civic Center

Present:

- John Ross – Chair
- Peggy Gemert
- Keith Poore
- Pierrette Racine
- Tammy Thom

Absent:

- Jason Broad (Mayor)
- Marc St. Pierre – Deputy Mayor

Staff Present:

- David Jansen- Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at the Iroquois Civic Center.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was corrected. (Update attached to Minutes).

Agenda moved by Pierrette and Seconded by Tammy.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. *THAT the minutes of the 19-April-2023 meeting of the Iroquois Waterfront Committee be adopted as circulated.*

Motioned by Keith and seconded by Tammy. All in favor.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

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- a. Wild Flower Meadow and Geese Issue (see details below)**
 - a. Continue with plan for meadow this year.
 - b. Keith plans to submit to council to show map as amended with recommendation form to Council on addressing Geese issue through more wildflower meadows. Keith will prepare write up. David will put on agenda for council. John will redo map and resend to Committee.
- b. Sign at Gallop Canal viewed from Boats**
 - a. Tammy to send photos to David from the waterfront perspective on the sign she was referring to for further discussion.
- c. Benches, Plaques and Concrete Pads**
 - a. John to provide screw etc. to David for new plaques
 - b. Tammy, Pierrette and Peggy to perform study on this and Trees/Shrubs for waterfront.
- d. Water Access for Aircraft Campers**
 - a. David to pass on John's request to turn on water at pumphouse.
- e. Pathway Lighting**
 - a. John to finalize proposal with recommendations and engineering specs for Municipality
 - b. Tammy to work with David to set up a public session to demonstrate lighting to obtain public support.
- f. Charcoal BBQ Fires at the Beach**
 - a. Keith to prepare recommendations to council on one hot coal disposal receptacle for BBQs coal waste at the beach.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Review Current Business

- a. Wild Flower Meadow – Keith**
 - a. Keith contacted Steven. Willing to do it. Will do by August or sooner when grounds are dry.
- b. New: Geese Issue at the Iroquois Waterfront.**
 - a. John talked about the grass way was in the 1970s. The grass south of the runway was never cut. North of the runway, only half of the area was cut. The village encouraged farmers to cut this late in the summer for hay. However, the area is wet and their tractors got stuck so the farmers gave up. There were never geese on the runway, even though there were a pair goose nesting on the river bank. With Amalgamation, for reasons unknown, the whole area was cut and costs went through the roof. Hundreds of geese showed up and have remained a very serious threat to aircraft using the runway.
 - b. John showed a document from Transport Canada (attached) providing recommendations for leaving the grass long in the vicinity of airports. John is asking why mow the grass in these areas because no one uses these parts of the park. Keith says if left wild there will be non-native species left to grow. Need to plant wild flowers native to the area. John wondering if can make recommendation to council. John would like to get rid of geese which if action isn't taken, may represent a liability to

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the Municipality. Suggest to not mow these areas and gradually plant wildflower. Have to be careful as you can get trees growing in wild flower meadow.

- c. Team reviewed map of park and where wild flower should grow.
- d. John suggested going from long grass to wildflowers in stages. Peggy proposed to do what originally planned and proposed then add recommendations for Geese issue.
- e. David mentioned that Geese Management is also an issue for the Morrisburg Committee as they have also done studies on this. David has a copy of study and will share with Iroquois Committee. This will be added as an agenda item for the Joint Committee meeting.
- f. Plan to submit to council to show map as amended with recommendation form to Council. Keith will prepare write up. David will put on agenda for council. John will redo map and resend to Committee. **(ACTION for Keith and John)**
- g. Recommendations will be sent separately from minutes.
- h. David mentioned that meeting minute approval has two-month delay.
- i. Moved by Peggy. Seconded by Keith.
- c. Iroquois Map Installation**
 - a. No Progress on this from David.
 - b. Discuss at next meeting.
- d. Sign at Gallop Canal viewed from Boats**
 - a. David did not see problem with signs except for some paint. David says there is a bunch of lifesaving stuff as well. This is a June-July activity. Wants to bundle together.
 - b. David is thinking of moving one sign near the boat launch. John would like before fly-in breakfast in July.
 - c. Tammy was referring to the sign you see from the water. At the end of the point. Tammy will take a photo and email for David and will put an X on the map. **(ACTION for Tammy)**
- e. Church Plaque - Pierrette**
 - a. Issue is now resolved. Item is closed.
- f. Drainage Problems near Path**
 - a. John is working on request and recommendations as per last meeting.
- g. Potholes near Boat Launch**
 - a. David did not know where the issue was.
 - b. Tammy says gravel area as going to launch. Near ash fault for boat house road.
 - c. David will investigate.
- h. Benches, Plaques and Concrete Pads**
 - a. Tammy and Pierrette looked at location of benches and updated map.
 - b. David has plaques behind desk. John to provide screws for this. **(ACTION for John)**
 - c. John suggested have new location for temp bench near the marina. There is a pad already there.
 - d. Tammy asked if we have people asking to sponsor a bench. David has

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- a few people approach municipality for a commemorative bench or tree.
- e. For next meeting Tammy, Peggy, Pierrette come up with recommendation for new bench locations.
 - f. Add to agenda for next meeting.
 - i. **Water Access for Aircraft Campers**
 - a. Johns says this weekend there will be washing of planes at pump house but the tap placed there for aircraft use is turned off internally. Can this be turned on now?
 - b. David says water from pump house is not metered so this should not be available.
 - c. John says tap has been used for this purpose for many years and the water use is small. David does not know if this is a waterfront issue. John asked again to have this turned on for the weekend. **(ACTION for DAVID to pass on request)**
 - d. Keith basically says really 2 issues: Aircraft Campers and AC owners wanting to wash planes. Will discuss again at next meeting.
 - j. **Charcoal BBQ Fires at the Beach**
 - a. **David** Suggests if go that route have permanent park charcoals.
 - b. **Keith** Suggested getting a hot coal disposal receptacle. Start with one. Keith showed picture from internet. Keith will prepare Recommendation on this. Will also look at pricing. **(ACTION for Keith)**
 - c. Motion by Keith Seconded by Pierrette. All in favor.
 - k. **Pathway Lighting**
 - a. John did demo last week at home on lighting. Retested at 15 ft and made a huge difference. Illumination was dead on specification. Was 5 watts. Type 2 lighting pattern.
 - b. John is preparing proposal. Still trying to get costing. Light is cheapest part 120USD plus shipping. Has Canadian ULC Approved. Length of path to boathouse close to 2200 FT. Will need 37 posts. Main part of cost is the post itself and not the lot. Posts are about 150 pounds. Also, will need concrete base.
 - c. John Looked at Morrisburg lighting project. 11 posts for 67K total .If we did Iroquois lighting that way, for 37 posts (just for the space between boathouse and beach) cost would be about \$227K and we'd not get approval. If we could do it for under \$3K per post, our total project cost would be about \$131K and the project would probably be viable. For next meeting will have almost exact costs.
 - d. John proposed we make our own post. At most would be \$850 for a 15 ft post alone. If made locally would not have shipping charges. In contact with a welding shop. One issue is the coating. Have preliminary costs to be painted. Suggest to paint grey. Greater cost to have the posts galvanized verses painted. John is in favor of galvanizing and will investigate costs. Posts may last longer than the fixtures.
 - e. To go ahead means have posts made based on engineering drawings with the Municipality as prime contractor. This is different from way

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municipality works. If that is a problem John will have posts made. Ross Video can help.

- f. David says anything over 25K goes to public tender. David and Keith say municipality must be the General Contractor. John will make sure all aspects of the project are fully defined for the Municipality Tender.
- g. John suggests an astronomical timer for timing the lights to go on at sunset and off at a specific time. John proposes that the committee donates the lighting fixture. Approx 17K. Will provide engineering drawings for the Bidding process.
- h. John suggests to get feedback from public and do a demo. Next community support for this. Propose to set a date to do a demo on the lighting. Setup the same poles with a generator for the demo. Suggesting mid-June.
- i. Keith also believes public feedback is important. Drove to Prescott and sees does not clock vision at all. Posts there are 10-12 feet high. Not against it now.
- j. John asked what do we need to get permission to host. Public demo? We can place an ad in the paper.
- k. John Suggests to meet with a reporter to set this up. Sunday night demo is best.
- l. Tammy to create the details of the event and will send to David who will work with Media. Looking at June 11th. **(Action for Tammy and David to set this up)**
- I. New Issue Raised by Tammy: Signs at Park**
 - a. Walkway to beach and says park closes at dusk and not the beach closing at dusk. Need to update bylaw to say beach closes at dusk and not park in support of ability to walk through park after dusk.
 - b. The Municipality need to look at this. **(ACTION for David)**
- m. Trees**
 - a. Discussed trees and benefits of trees
 - b. John says when he came there was not one single tree on the waterfront. Any trees that grew naturally were removed by local residents who wanted an unobstructed river view.
 - c. Trees need to be strategic. Also, limitations on height as you get closer to airport. Peggy suggested Cherry Blossoms at entrance at Adair drive on both sides of road. Maybe look at a tree near each bench as first step.
 - d. Peggy suggested to combine bench study with trees. Where would they be placed etc. Assess native species and shrubs. A lot to think about with trees and shrubs.
 - e. Pierrette, Peggy, and Tammy to investigate this. Suggest to look at other Cities. Come up with recommended practice. Must involve the people on Elizabeth drive. Will most likely need a public session. **(ACTION for Tammy, Pierrette, and Peggy)**

New Business

- a. **Gardens along Trail**

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- a. Keith says they had a garden near the beach and no one maintains. Likes idea and tried once but no one maintains.
 - b. Consolidate this with Tree/Bench Study. Will investigate with Tree and bench discussion. **(ACTION for Tammy, Pierrette, and Peggy)**
 - b. **Iroquois Leash Free / Dog Beach**
 - a. Park this for now
 - c. **Future Event(s) near the Beach between the two waterfronts (e.g., Balloon Festival, Fun Run/Cycle Fundraiser between Iroquois/Morrisburg)**
 - a. Park this for now
 - d. **South Dundas Waterfront Plan Items**
 - i. Add to agenda for next meeting
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- None
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
9. **CLOSED SESSION**
10. **NEXT MEETING**
- Wednesday June 21, 2023

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 1

THAT Iroquois Waterfront Committee can now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Motion to Adjourn by Pierrette. All in Favor

John Ross

CHAIR

STAFF LIAISON

Minutes prepared by Peggy 18-May-2023