



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Iroquois Waterfront Committee

29-Jan-2025 7pm
Iroquois Civic Center

Present:

- John Ross – Chair (Teams Conference Call)
- Peggy Gemert – Co-Chair (notes)
- Tammy Thom
- Pierrette Racine
- Zach Anderson

Public Members and Delegations:

- Tim Legate
- Liane Charland

Staff Present:

- Marc St. Pierre – Deputy Mayor
- David Jansen- Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities

Absent:

- Nathalie Pagé

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved by Pierrette and Seconded by Marc. All in favor.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT the minutes of the **13-Nov-2024** meeting of the Iroquois Waterfront Committee be adopted as circulated.

Motioned by Zach and seconded by Pierrette. All in favor.

CARRIED

1. DELEGATIONS

- a. None

2. GENERAL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- a. Current Business

1. John's 2-Year Term Ending & Membership

- a. Marc puts a motion continue for next 2 years. This will be John's last 2 years. Seconded by Pierrette. All in Favor.
- b. Keith Poore has resigned. Zach is now a member.

- c. Now 1 spot open.
- 2. Working with Iroquois Business on events in 2025 (Nathalie)
 - a. Nathalie not here. Add to agenda to next meeting.
- 3. 2025 Budget Update (David)
 - a. Budget has been approved
 - b. Both committees approved for 20K. We carried over 15K from last year so we now have 35K budget for this year.
- 4. Christmas Tree Bon Fire Update (Tammy)
 - a. Was a great success. Fun. Kids enjoyed. Good fire. Cold day.
 - b. Rough count 200-300 people at the Bon Fire.
 - c. Not too expensive event. Lions Club handed out Hot Chocolate.
 - d. Tammy talked with Morrisburg about Iroquois hosting Jan 2026.
 - e. David says need to get the Iroquois Fire department on Board.
 - f. Marc says both committees can do Bon Fire. Maybe do on 2 different days.
 - g. Tammy liked the timing of the Bon Fire during the day.
 - h. Tammy will talk to Iroquois Fire Department and run with it. Tammy would like to see music playing.
 - i. Iroquois Waterfront Committee will do. Need a plan by September 2025. Keep on Agenda for now.
- 5. Public garbage trash cans as art contest proposal 2025 – Study (Peggy/Liane)
 - a. John suggested to talk to Rebecca at the newspaper. Call the Leader to get some free publicity. Marc to approach Rebecca. (Marc)
 - b. Liane offered to help on the Marketing side. Peggy to send information on this to Marc and Liane. (Peggy Action)
 - c. Now Start middle of Feb.
- 6. Cameras Update (Marc/John)
 - a. John says OPP more interested in investigating Vandalism and RCMP is interested in monitoring smuggling etc. John needs to follow-up with them. One camera at last boat house and along waterfront.
 - b. Marc not sure if council agreed upon RCMP and Police. Not comfortable with RCMP and boarder crossings etc. Looking for cameras for beach and pathway. OPP not driving this and we are.
 - c. We have an issue that Keith has decided not to be involved. John suggested a private firm to handle this.
 - d. David thinks working with Secure Way would be good for Municipality.
 - e. John will call Secure Way and follow-up for next meeting. (Action John)
- 7. United Empire Loyalist Ass. Of Canada –Update (David)
 - a. They have their sign and will not be installed till July /Aug.
 - b. Don't need on agenda for next meeting.
- 8. Real World Learning Update (David)
 - a. Before Christmas started to get traction from the schools. Reaching out on biology side. No teachers had access to email until last Wednesday. Just starting to get emails now.
 - b. Provide update next meeting.

9. Accessibility Mats for Beach and Accessibility Washrooms (Marc)
 - a. Marc says let Morrisburg champion accessibility mats. A company has gone forward to donate mats. Discuss at joint meeting. Iroquois was about 9 K and Morrisburg 5-7K.
 - b. Morrisburg already approved to go forward to Champion project.
 - c. Peggy asked about accessible bathrooms. Will eventually get budget for bathrooms. Looking at 2026-27 to update Iroquois bathrooms.
 - d. Remove from agenda for now
 - e. Tim says we are basically being used. We need more policies and need to start enforcing it at the beach.
10. Access to beach for Locals
 - a. Liane asked about accessibility for patrons at the beach. Feel lost beach for people who are not SDG. They take over canopies and picnic tables. Is there a way we can charge people? Locals say they don't think beach belong to them. People are putting up tents and not small tents. Lots of garbage at end of day. People are coming as this is one of the few beaches that are free.
 - b. David has presented these crowd control measures to address this to council already. There is 30K in budget this year for crowd control. Hoping to send report to committees soon.
 - c. Morrisburg has similar issues. To be discussed at next joint meeting.
 - d. The Municipality recognizes issue. Need to decide how to move forward
 - e. Marc says other related discussion, how to recover cost from expenses at beach. Municipality already discussing this.
 - f. Will add to agenda for next meeting for an update on this.
11. Historical/Educational Plaque for Ontario Power plant end of Boat house road 2025(John/Tammy/Pierrette)
 - a. Tammy first thing wanted to get quote for lock repair. Getting quote is big challenge and still waiting for it.
 - b. Still working on this.
 - c. Defer to next meeting.
12. Lighting Project Plan Update (John)
 - a. Move to next meeting
13. Drainage Project Plan Update (John)
 - a. Move to next meeting
14. Update on Iroquois Map - business changes (Pierrette/Peggy)
 - a. Move to next meeting
15. Benches Update (David/Pierrette)
 - a. Pads are in. John says temp benches are available and need some refinishing. Benches are at the campground.
16. Horticultural Updates
 - a. Horticultural Society Update (Tammy/Nathalie)
 - i. No update
 - b. Tree and Shrubs for 2025 Preliminary Review
 - i. Did thorough walk around last fall.. Talked about placement of shrubs. Defer to next meeting. Supposed to get some quotes. Pierrette will do the map. Maybe by March. **Action**

for Pierrette

- c. Wildflower Planting/Flowerbed Update (Tammy/Nathalie)
 - i. Leave to next meeting

a. New Business

- i. Facebook Page (who replaces Keith)
 - 1. Tammy would like to take that on.
- ii. Petty Cash (from Keith – who receives)
 - 1. Pierrette to take this on. Will contact Keith.
- iii. Arboretum Study (Zach)
 - 1. Had a lot of momentum last year. Did draft a proposal of what it could be. Shared paper copy of where to propose arboretum on side near golf course. Could tie to existing pathway. Will send copy by email. (Action Zach)
 - 2. Believe can get at least 30 species in along the pathway.
 - 3. Believe can get a lot for free from conservation group.
 - 4. David happy to set this up with local guy who does tree planting.
 - 5. Can't imagine costing more than 6K.
 - 6. Relying on volunteer labour. David says could break this out over 2 years as a more long-term plan.
- iv. Add no mowing to Triangle portion.
 - 1. John sent updated draft location of map of grass areas not to be mowed. There is a new triangle section he wants to add.
 - 2. Would like to add triangle back to not cut. Parallels Elizabeth Drive. Would like to get permission to add this.
 - 3. Tammy's only comment is to add something a little more decorative. Letting grass grow is not scenic and inviting. Thinks this could be an eyesore. Needs to be investigated further. Tammy and Zach can look at this like dogwood. Peggy agrees. Would be better received by public eye. Investigate and discuss at next meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Next Joint meeting February 12th – Everybody is invited
- Next Iroquois Waterfront Committee Feb 26th
- Meeting Schedule to End of 2025

| Month | Date |
|-----------|------|
| March | 12 |
| April | 16 |
| May | 14 |
| June | 11 |
| July | 9 |
| August | 20 |
| September | 17 |
| October | 15 |
| November | 19 |
| December | 17 |

7. CLOSED SESSION

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will occur 12-Feb-2025 after Municipal Budget sessions.

1. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn by Pierrette and seconded by Tammy. All in Favor.

CHAIR

STAFF LIAISON

Minutes prepared by P.Gemert 3-Feb-2025.