



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Iroquois Waterfront Committee

19-Nov-2025 7pm

Iroquois Civic Center

Present:

- Tammy Thom (Chair)
- Peggy Gemert – (Cochair) - Notes
- Zach Anderson
- Tim Legate

Staff Present:

- David Jansen- Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities

Absent:

- Nathalie Pagé
- Marc St. Pierre – Deputy Mayor

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved by Tim seconded by Zach. All in favor.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT the minutes of the **15-Oct-2025** meeting of the Iroquois Waterfront Committee (IWC) be adopted as circulated.

Motioned to Adopt as updated below by Peggy and seconded by Tim. All in favor.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

- None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

A. Current Business

1. New Membership (David/Tammy)

- a. One application – hold on to end of week and see. Will invite as observer.
- b. Tammy needs copy of application from David (**Action David**) and follow-up with applicant (**Action Tammy**)

2. New Signage and Bylaws at the Beach (David)

- a. Draft – Park User by-law was released for review. Did go to council. Now Public. Heavily based on Barrie all parks and waterfront. Well received by Council and Morrisburg waterfront Committee.
- b. Council gave go ahead to pursue casual. Also met with OPPS officers (Retired) which have expressed interest. May fit with officer duties.
- c. David's staff will be allowed to issue tickets. Some of David's Staff are also interested.
- d. Want to make sure all provisions fits. Next step to review with Lawyer for legal opinion and hope to get back by Christmas. Some questions on homelessness in parks for lawyer.
- e. 26 real provisions. Some can be condensed. By-law will write large sign for Park.
- f. Once by-law passes, job posting out and hire by Spring 2026.

3. Natural Environment

a. Trees (labels for), Shrubs Update (David/Zach/Tammy)

- i. Zach says one tree will need to be replaced under warranty (Red pine)
- ii. Re: Labels can be tap into school for labels

b. Fall Bulb planting update (Nathalie)

- i. Too late now. Discuss at next meeting when Nathalie is here to determine what action was taken.

c. Wildflower Seed Fall Planting Update (Zach/David)

- 1. All need to do is scatter seeds. Move John's cut line 4-5 feet and plant seeds. Can do before end of month.

d. Arboretum Pathway (David/Zach)

- i. David says may have time in end of November to sneak this in. Suggest 5/8 Minus plus stone dust on top.

e. Bird/Bat Boxes (Zach/David)

- i. In the works. David sent plans to shop teacher at school 2-3 bat boxes. 10-15 Bird boxes.
- ii. Next step went built, Zach going to identify location of boxes. Will use a metal post.
- iii. Tammy asked about height of posts. 8–10-foot pole with concrete base. Almost as high as trees for bat boxes. 300 bats per box. Tammy will look in backyard as she may have some tall posts that could be used. **(Action Tammy)**
- iv. Otherwise, we need to price this out. Zach will look into cost. For January, Zach to provide estimate. **(Action Zach)**

f. Real World Learning Update (David)

- i. Teacher did have interest on mural by the point by the locks. Something to be planned for spring next year.
- ii. David wanted mural to be inspired from original but can be modernized.

4. Culvert Issue on Pathway – Jackson Drain Ditching (David)

- i. Fixed – Paved today
- ii. Ditching was not completed/ Tammy asked about this. Update for next meeting.

5. Lighting Project/ Drainage Update (David)

- a. In final touches should be done in next week or so. Update next meeting.

6. Benches/Picnic Table Update (David)

- a. Have not ordered 2nd bench as waiting for bench with plaque for Morrisburg. Still expecting bench this year. Update next meeting.

7. Port-o-Potty Pad Update (David)

- a. Ties to Arboretum path. Update next meeting.

8. Cameras/ Update (Marc)

- a. No Update.

9. Events for 2026

a. Christmas Tree Burning Update Sunday January 4th (Tammy)

- i. Status: Iroquois Firehall on board.
- ii. Ideas:
 - 1. Nathalie talked about getting lions involved. (Action Nathalie)
 - 2. Mr. Mozzarella has a donut side business. Tammy will talk to Mr. mozzarella. (Action Tammy)
 - 3. Tim mentioned DJ with music, marshmallows, BBQ, and sleigh rides for kids. Get boombox with music and speakers. Tim has generators to use. (Action Tim to investigate further)
 - 4. Morrisburg had portable propane fire pits last year. Can we do the same?
 - 5. Pop-up tent for music and generator. Discuss at next meeting.
- iii. What we need at a Minimum:
 - 1. Minimum Food, Music and Hot Chocolate.
- iv. **Christmas Tree Planning Meeting for Jan event: Wed. Dec 10th 7pm Iroquois Legion...** (all IWC Members please attend)

b. JR lighting celebration/ribbon cutting fit Event in the Spring

- i. Discuss and revisit in January/February meeting.

10. Social Media/Facebook Update (Nathalie/Peggy)

- a. No Update. Peggy did share Member notice on FB.

11. Budget and planning for 2026 (Team)

- a. 20K approved for next year.
- b. Wait to January to List Priorities. January go through old planning documents and see where we are at and what we need to do. Add to top of agenda for January Meeting. Ones John gave us.
- c. Plan to revisit the vision and mandate for IWC. Revisit the Master Plan and provide a new version for 2026.
- d. Tim will analyze existing plans and prepare an analysis document from the Plans in December showing what was planned and what we achieved and what was not implemented (like a Coles notes for next meeting review) .
- e. All Members to review plan and Tim's summary document for January Meeting Homework with Jan to be very familiar with this. If more time will go through rest of agenda. (all IWC Members please review Plans and Tim's document before meeting in Jan)

12. Meeting Schedule for 2026 (David/Marc)

January 14, 2026	Focus on Planning for 2026. If time will check status of above
February 11, 2026	
March 11, 2026	

April 15, 2026	
May 2026	TBD
June 2026	TBD
July 2026	TBD
August 2026	TBD
September	TBD
October	TBD
December	No meeting

B. New Business

1. Zach – Regarding Species at risk act – Thinking about putting up framework for waterfront but has to be 5 hectares. IW does meet criteria to support Act and may be able to get additional funding and support by Canadian Wildlife Federation etc. Our park is 5 hectares. Talked to horticultural society about this. Did not do application for us this year. Canadian Wildlife and other related organizations can provide funding for pollinator habitat funding. Zach is investigating.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Other Business

- Joint waterfront meeting December 9th – Peggy and Tammy will attend.
- No IWC meeting in December.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. NEXT MEETING DATE

Iroquois Waterfront Committee Wed Jan 14th, 2026

B. ADJOURNMENT

THAT Iroquois Waterfront Committee can now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair. Motion to Adjourn by Tim and seconded by Zach. All in Favor.

CHAIR

STAFF LIAISON

Minutes prepared by P. Gemert 20-Nov-2025