



Meeting Minutes
Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee
Thursday, October 5th, 2017
7:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Bonnie Mahaney, Chair / Public Member
Councillor Harold Locke, Council Member
Mayor Karen Mattatall, Council Member
Julie Ferguson, Public Member
Mary Ayer, Public Member
Dylan Heide, Secretary / CAO

Committee Members Absent:

Robin Walker, Public Member (with regrets)
Joy Williams, Public Member (with regrets)

Guests:

None

1) Call to Order

Committee Chair Mahaney called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

2) Approval of Agenda

Ferguson – Locke

THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee for October 5th, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3) Approval of Minutes

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee meeting held June 8th, 2017

b) Approval of the Minutes of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee meeting held June 28th, 2017

c) Approval of the Minutes of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee meeting held September 7th, 2017

Locke – Mattatall

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee for June 8th, June 28th and September 7th, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4) Delegations: None

5) Correspondence: None

6) 2017 Action Plan / Old Business

a) Committee Membership

With Jennifer Huskilson's resignation and Holly Renaud's leave of absence, the Committee has two vacancies. Vacancies will be advertised and any response will be discussed at the Committee's November meeting.

b) Volunteer of the Month

Committee members confirmed the Volunteers of the Month for October and November.

c) CBDC Volunteer Workshops Series

The CAO updated Committee members on the ongoing CBDC Volunteer Workshops Series, supported by the Town of Shelburne and other Shelburne County municipalities. Registrations have increased, with more than 15 participants registered for the upcoming Community Engagement session hosted by Sheila Bird at the Shelburne Community Centre.

d) Public Art Initiatives – Lift Stations, Marina Art Park, Art Day 2018

Julie Ferguson provided an update on this year's lift stations decoration project; youth volunteers Keegan MacDonald and Karin Scott – working under SRHS teacher Chett Buchanan – will be decorating the Arthur Street lift station. Committee members discussed the concept sketch submitted and expressed approval.

Committee members discussed the proposed Marina Art Park and potential public art installations for the marina area and Town-owned parkland adjacent to the Mill Building. Julie Ferguson will be attending upcoming meetings of the Osprey Art Centre and Shelburne County Arts Council boards to discuss potential opportunities for these areas.

Committee members discussed a variety of ideas for the proposed Art Day 2018, both daytime and evening. At the Committee's next meeting potential dates for the event will be discussed and members will consider conducting a public meeting, inviting local artists.

e) Active Transportation Safety

The CAO provided a brief update on Public Works projects currently underway. Committee members will begin discussion of potential 2018-19 budgetary recommendations for active transportation safety at their November meeting.

f) Roger Grovestine Memorial Recreation Complex Session #2

Plans for the second public consultation on the future of the Roger Grovestine Memorial Recreation Complex were discussed. The CAO will investigate available dates in late November and the Committee will confirm plans for the session at their November meeting.

Locke – Ferguson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council to write to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne to invite any interested members to attend the upcoming consultation on the future of the Roger Grovestine Memorial Recreation Complex.

CARRIED

g) Pumpkin Festival & Fall Yard-Sale

Julie Ferguson provided an update on plans for the Giant Pumpkin Festival, Town scavenger hunt, etc. in Robin Walker's absence.

Committee members discussed upcoming Halloween events in the community. The idea of a Halloween decorating contest in the same vein as the Committee's annual Christmas decoration contest was discussed.

Ayer – Locke

THAT the Committee entertain a Halloween decorating contest this year.

CARRIED

Julie Ferguson will work on recruiting judges and obtain prizes and certificates for the winners. A possible jack o lantern contest for future years – potentially at the Guild Hall – was also discussed.

h) Remembrance Day 2017

Committee members expressed their support for the Remembrance Day banners proposal from resident Tim Sands, likely to take place in 2018.

i) Guild Hall – 2017 Season Debrief

Julie Ferguson provided Committee members with a debrief of the very successful 2017 Guild Hall season. Committee members discussed lessons learned and plans for the 2018 season. Julie Ferguson will be making an update to Council in this regard prior to the Committee's next meeting.

The CAO reported on plans for additional landscaping and decorative elements at the Guild Hall including the planned sign, interpretive information on the history of the building, incorporation of materials from the previous Guild Hall into benches on the property, and potential for a carving from Sam Nickerson to be located near the fire hydrant. Committee members also discussed potential to further decorate Bruce the Moose during some events.

7) New Business:

a) Skills Inventory

The CAO related the idea of a volunteer skills inventory as proposed by Councillor Young to Committee members. Those present agreed the idea had merit. Councillor Locke suggested

promoting the proposed inventory via the new bi-annual Town newsletter. Members agreed to discuss the idea further at the Committee's November meeting.

b) Boat Building Heritage Display

Mayor Mattatall informed those present concerning a recent discussion with local historian Lewis Jackson. Mr. Jackson would be willing to assist with developing interpretive information concerning Shelburne's boat building history. Committee members highlighted connections with the Mill Building project (with which Mr. Jackson is already associated) and the whatwasthere.com project.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on motion at 8:44 PM.