



Meeting Minutes (No Quorum)
Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee
Thursday, September 7th, 2017
7:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Bonnie Mahaney, Chair / Public Member
Mayor Karen Mattatall, Council Member
Robin Walker, Public Member
Holly Renaud, Public Member
Dylan Heide, Secretary / CAO

Committee Members Absent:

Councillor Harold Locke, Council Member
Julie Ferguson, Public Member (with regrets)
Jennifer Huskilson, Public Member (resigned)
Joy Williams, Public Member
Mary Ayer, Public Member

Guests:

None

1) Call to Order

Quorum was not reached for the meeting, it was agreed the agenda would be discussed without the ability to make motions. Committee Chair Mahaney began the meeting at 7:12 pm.

2) Approval of Agenda

Quorum not reached.

3) Approval of Minutes

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

Quorum not reached, deferred to next meeting.

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

Quorum not reached, deferred to next meeting.

4) Delegations: None

5) Correspondence:

a) Community Sector Council July Newsletter

Committee members discussed highlights from the Community Sector Council newsletter. The Many Hands Many Voices non-profits conference occurring Oct. 3 – 4 was discussed but it did not appear any members would be able to attend this year.

6) 2017 Action Plan / Old Business

a) Committee Membership

Chair Mahaney acknowledge the resignation of Jennifer Huskilson from the Committee due to other commitments. Holly Renaud requested a leave of absence up to six months due to other commitments; other members expressed their support and will look forward to her return. Recruitment of new members was discussed; it was agreed an advertisement for new members should be distributed via Facebook.

b) Volunteer of the Month

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

c) CBDC Volunteer Workshops Series

The CAO updated Committee members on the upcoming CBDC Volunteer Workshops Series, supported by the Town of Shelburne and other Shelburne County municipalities. Registrations are beginning to pick up, it is hoped at least 10 participants will register for each session. The Town is assisting with promotion of the workshops via Facebook.

d) Town Scavenger Hunt

Robin Walker reported that the Town Scavenger Hunt would be incorporated into the Pumpkin Festival / Town-Wide Yard Sale weekend. Robin and Julie are working on this.

e) Public Art Initiatives – Art Day 2018

The CAO reported on the passing of the Town's new Public Art Policy on September 6th, noting the Committee's role in making recommendations to Council under the new policy.

Numerous potential Art Day features were discussed including glow in the dark art walks, chalk art contests, painting classes, and grass art (and/or games such as twister painted on grass). It was agreed further discussion of the planned Art Day in 2018 be deferred to the Committee's next meeting.

f) Witness to Confederation Photo Exhibit Debrief

Committee members discussed the exhibit and agree it was well received. There was a discussion about ways to promote events such as this locally; the potential of community radio for promoting local events was raised.

g) Active Transportation Safety

The CAO provided a brief update on plans for widening of lanes on Water Street and noted the results of the recent DalTrac bicycle count in town – a follow-up to receiving last year's Connect2 program funding – the tracker counted an average of 21 cyclists per day for the week from August 1st to 7th.

h) Roger Grovestine Memorial Recreation Complex Session Debrief

Committee members agreed the next public session would be aimed for late November and the Committee would need to discuss plans for the session at their next meeting.

i) Town-Wide Yard Sale 2017 – Fall, 2017 (and Pumpkin Festival)

Robin Walker updated Committee members on plans for the Fall Town-wide Yard Sale and Pumpkin Festival on October 7th. The new event is coming together with the assistance of volunteers including Bob Sinden.

j) Christmas Street Decorations

Committee members selected designs for 16 new banners to be installed on Hammond Street, Ohio Road and elsewhere as approved in the Town's 2017-18 operating budget on recommendation from the Committee. Staff will proceed with the order.

k) Remembrance Day 2017

Robin Walker reported briefly on plans for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. Committee members also discussed an idea raised by Tim Sands of Shelburne Computer Services for Remembrance Day banners and agreed they would support Tim in implementing this idea. Refurbishment of the old loyalist banners for 2008 was also discussed.

l) Guild Hall – 2017 Season Debrief

Committee members agreed the season went extremely well. The CAO relayed the total attendance of more than 1,700 at the summer season shows. It was agreed this would be discussed further at the Committee's next meeting with Julie Ferguson in attendance.

7) New Business: None

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on motion at 8:15 PM.