



Meeting Minutes
Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee
Thursday, February 2nd, 2017
7:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Jennifer Huskilson, Public Member (with regrets)
Joy Williams, Public Member (with regrets)

Guests:

Robin Walker, Town Events Coordinator

1) Call to Order

Chair B. Mahaney called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2) Approval of Agenda

Ferguson – Locke

THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee for February 2th, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3) Approval of Minutes

Ferguson – Locke

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

CARRIED

4) Delegations: None

5) Correspondence:

a. Letter from Natasha Lynn re Fisherman's Memorial Art Piece

Mayor Mattatall discussed the letter with the Committee who welcomed the idea. Discussion ensued concerning possible locations to host the piece. Mayor Mattatall agreed to correspond further with the artist in this regard.

6) 2017 Action Plan / Old Business

a) Committee Membership

Chair B. Mahaney noted the Committee had one vacancy for a public member. Robin Walker – attending as a guest – volunteered to rejoin the Committee as a public member (having served years prior).

Renaud – Mattatall

THAT the Committee recommend to Council the inclusion of Robin Walker in the membership of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee.

CARRIED

b) Volunteer of the Month

Committee members confirmed the Volunteer of the Month for February and discussed nominees for March, April and May.

c) Provincial Volunteer Recognition

Committee members discussed nominations to the provincial volunteer awards for 2017, reflecting on volunteers celebrated locally throughout the past year. Those nominated to the provincial awards will also be honoured locally in April along with other 2016 volunteers.

Ferguson – Ayer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council the following nominations to be submitted to the Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards:

- Donna Rennehan as Representative Volunteer 2017; and,
- Mike & Lauren Race and Keegan & Callum MacDonald as Volunteer Family 2017; and,
- Samuel & Thomas King as Youth Volunteers 2017.

CARRIED

Due to the deadline for provincial nominations Councillor Locke agreed to deliver this recommendation to Council at their February 15th meeting (rather than with the regular Committee report on March 1st).

d) Public Art Initiatives

Committee members discussed how the Town could benefit from a Public Art Policy and how one could be developed/implemented. It was agreed that the Committee would work on drafting a policy statement at their March meeting and then recommend to Council the development of a policy, building on this statement.

Ideas for public art initiatives for 2017 were discussed. The Committee agreed to start a survey/discussion on Facebook to gather ideas around three possible initiatives for 2017: an annual Art Day, Interactive Art on the Shelburne Harbour Camera, and Art Walks (self-directed art tours). Survey responses/discussion will be reviewed at the Committee's March meeting for possible recommendation to Council.

Additional decorative painting of crosswalks was discussed, building on the Council's past approval of decorative Loyalist flag stencils for the Dock Street crosswalks (to be completed in 2017). It was agreed this would be discussed further at the Committee's March meeting for possible recommendation to Council.

e) Canada 150 Photos

Mayor Mattatall introduced the Canada 150 Heritage Buildings Project and discussed the possibility of the exhibit coming to Shelburne in the summer of 2017. Possible host locations including the Shelburne Mall were discussed and Mayor Mattatall agreed to speak with the owners in this regard prior to the Committee's March meeting.

f) Bicycle Friendliness

The CAO reported on the recent installation of Share the Road signs at the entrances to Town. Discussion followed on additional measures for improving awareness of safe practices for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

g) Volunteer Week 2017

The CAO provided a brief update from the Town of Lockport (hosts to this year's local event). It was agreed preparations for the event would be discussed further at the Committee's March meeting.

h) Town-Wide Yard Sale 2017

Committee members discussed preparation for the 2017 Town-Wide Yard Sales. The possibility of street closures will be discussed further at a future meeting. It was agreed event posters would need to be finalized no later than the Committee's April meeting.

i) Guild Hall – 2017 Season

Committee members – along with Events Coordinator Robin Walker – engaged in lengthy discussion of the Guild Hall. Discussion included plans for the Grand Opening (May 26-28, 2017), the 2017 Summer Schedule and implementation of programming funds approved by Council, potential equipment and facility recommendations to the Town's 2017-18 Operating/Capital Budgets, and rental terms and conditions/pricing. It was agreed discussion would continue at the Committee's March meeting.

j) 2017-18 Projects

Committee members agreed that discussion of potential projects for 2017-18 including active transportation safety, current and potential recreational properties, and additional Christmas decorations for Town streets, would continue at the Committee's March meeting.

k) Grants to Organizations 2017-18 / Town Clean-up Grants

Committee members agreed to review the 2017-18 Grants to Organizations package for a special meeting in March (date to be determined), wherein recommendations to Council would be made.

7) New Business: None

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on motion at 9:00 PM.