



Meeting Minutes
Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee
Thursday, January 5th, 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
Joy Williams, Public Member
Mary Ayer, Public Member
Julie Ferguson, Public Member
Dylan Heide, Secretary / CAO

Committee Members Absent:

Jennifer Huskilson, Public Member

Guests:

None

1) Call to Order

Chair B. Mahaney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2) Approval of Agenda

Renaud – Ferguson

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

CARRIED

3) Approval of Minutes

Renaud – Ferguson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee for December 8th, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4) Delegations: None

5) Correspondence: None

6) 2016 Action Plan / Old Business

a) 2017 Action Plan

Committee members discussed amendments to the Committee's Action Plan for 2017 to reflect the Committee's priorities for the coming year.

Mattatall – Locke

THAT the Committee recommend to Council the approval of the 2017 CP&V Action Plan. (2017 Action Plan attached)

CARRIED

b) Committee Membership

Chair B. Mahaney noted the Committee had one vacancy for a public member. The CAO advised Committee members that annual advertisements will run in January seeking new members.

c) Volunteer of the Month

Committee members agreed to the Volunteer of the Month for January and February.

d) Public Art Initiatives

Committee members discussed the numerous public art initiatives supported by the Town in prior years in light of the recent discussion of public art hosted by the Shelburne County Arts Council (SCAC). Committee members agreed that numerous potential public art initiatives had been raised which the Town could support; the idea of a Facebook survey to gather additional public input on potential projects was discussed. It was agreed that the members would resume discussion at Committee's February meeting.

e) Bicycle Friendliness

Committee members agreed that significant progress had been made on improving public infrastructure in 2016. With additional bike lanes and shoulder improvements planned for 2017 – along with the installation of bike racks – it was agreed the Town was on the right track for bicycle-friendly infrastructure. Discussion followed on improving awareness of safe practices for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. There was also discussion about the potential to work with the Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce to promote opportunities for bicycle rentals in Town.

f) Volunteer Week 2017

Committee members discussed preparations for Volunteer Week 2017, April 23 – 29. Julie Ferguson will encourage public nominations using the Town's Facebook account. The CAO reminded Committee members that nominations for the Province's annual Volunteer Awards would need to be made at the Committee's February meeting.

g) Town-Wide Yard Sale 2017

Committee members discussed opportunities to improve the annual Town-wide Yard Sale. Possible street closures were discussed. Also discussed was the potential to hold two events each year, one on the first weekend in June (as in prior years) and one on the first weekend in October; members agreed this was a good idea and would be discussed further at the Committee's February meeting.

h) Guild Hall – 2017 Season

Committee members discussed preparations for the inaugural season of the new Guild Hall, the grand opening planned for May and the need for an updated rental agreement. All present agreed to the importance of the inaugural season for establishing the new structure and its potential as a community facility and to the value of fostering community participation through free public programming throughout the season.

Ayer – Ferguson

THAT the Committee recommend to Council the establishment of a fund to support free public programming at the Guild Hall as a \$5,000 item in the Town's 2017-18 operating budget.

CARRIED

It was agreed that discussion would continue at the Committee's February meeting and that additional recommendations to Council would be made for inclusion in the Town's 2017-18 operating budget. It was further agreed that the Town's Events Coordinator Robin Walker would be invited to attend an upcoming meeting of the Committee to discuss these recommendations.

i) 2017-18 Projects

Committee members engaged in significant discussion of potential projects for the Committee in the 2017-18 fiscal year. Projects discussed include the Guild Hall inaugural season, active transportation safety, current and potential recreational properties, and additional Christmas decorations for Town streets. It was agreed that discussion of these projects would continue at the Committee's February meeting.

7) New Business:

a) Workshop for Seniors

Mayor Mattatall informed the Committee of an individual – Jackie Perry – seeking to organize a workshop for seniors. Committee members encouraged the idea and invited Jackie Perry to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss any support the Committee could provide.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on motion at 8:32 PM.