



Meeting Minutes
Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee
Thursday, May 3rd, 2018
7:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Bonnie Mahaney, Chair / Public Member
Mayor Karen Mattatall, Council Member
Deputy Mayor Harold Locke, Council Member
Julie Ferguson, Public Member
Mary Ayer, Public Member
Cheryl Bower, Public Member
Joy Williams, Public Member
Dylan Heide, Secretary / CAO

Committee Members Absent:

Robin Walker, Public Member

Guests:

Holly Renaud

1) Call to Order

Chair Mahaney called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2) Approval of Agenda

Locke – Ferguson

THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee for May 3rd, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3) Approval of Minutes

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee meeting held April 5th, 2018

Locke – Ayer

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee for April 5th, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4) Delegations: None

5) Correspondence:

a) Wayne Blinkhorn Letter

Committee members noted their appreciation for the letter from Wayne Blinkhorn in regards to his recognition as Representative Volunteer of the Year 2018.

6) 2018 Action Plan / Old Business

a) Committee Membership

Holly Renaud noted her interest in rejoining the Committee, after an absence of several months.

Locke – Bower

THAT the Committee recommend to Council the appointment of Holly Renaud to the membership of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee.

CARRIED

b) Volunteer of the Month

Committee members confirmed the Volunteers of the Month for May and June.

c) Public Art Initiatives

Julie Ferguson will check in with interested students concerning possible lift stations painting over the summer; materials for several more lift stations are now on hand.

One proposal was received in response to the Art in Parks Call for Proposals. Committee members agreed to extend the deadline to the end of May and to re-advertise.

Julie Ferguson reported that Our House had confirmed the trail walkability art signage was ready for the Town's Public Works Department to install. The walkability art sculptures are expected to be ready for installation in June. Public Works is waiting to hear from Jackie Race concerning the Gnome House installation. Sam Nickerson has begun work on the Minke Whale for the Guild Hall property. Julie Ferguson agreed to ask Sam whether he could carve one or more of the larger tree stumps currently in town.

The CAO and Mary Ayers reported on a recent meeting of the Shelburne County Arts Council public art committee where potential sidewalk painting and storefront window art installation projects were discussed.

Committee members discussed options to use Facebook to promote involvement in Art Day 2018. It was agreed that Events Coordinator Robin Walker would put out a series of posts requesting proposals for: community art activities, art demonstrations / performances, and art vendors; there would be potential funding attached as appropriate out of the existing budget for community events.

d) Active Transportation Safety

Committee members discussed options to proceed with the planned active transportation audits. It was agreed that a survey should be conducted on residents' active transportation habits, including a question asking respondents if they would be willing to assist with audits in their neighbourhoods. Other potential questions were discussed; Julie Ferguson will develop the survey. Groups that might be willing to assist with the conduct of audits were also discussed, as was the use of draws for Gosbees gift certificates as an incentive.

e) Roger Grovestine Memorial Recreation Complex

Committee members reviewed the first draft of concept art for the Complex and gave some minor notes for the final version. It was agreed that the survey would be distributed via Facebook – utilizing the new concept art – along with the advertisement of the planned public consultation on Wednesday, June 13th.

f) Recognition of Local Gardens

Julie Ferguson confirmed that there was no pre-existing garden tour and that she would be heading-up the new tour planned for later this summer.

g) Secret Park Opening

Committee members discussed the planned opening of Secret Park later in the summer. The CAO reported that Little People's Place Childcare Centre staff and participants were looking forward to being involved in the park opening. The CAO will confirm wording for the sign and issue a Call for Concepts.

h) Volunteer Week 2018 Debrief

Chair Mahaney reported that the provincial event in Halifax was very good as always. Committee members discussed the local volunteer reception hosted by the Municipality of Shelburne in Sandy Point. Those present agreed it was a great event; the Committee looks forward to hosting next year. It was agreed that Volunteer Week 2019 should remain on the Committee's agenda for the year. There was also a discussion concerning Town-branded merchandise for events such as these – as the Municipality has a variety – and Robin Walker will look into this using funds included for this purpose in the 2018-19 operating budget.

i) Spring Town Wide Yard Sale 2018

The CAO confirmed that advertisements for the Yard Sale would be issued the following day and Committee members agreed to distribute posters which could be collected from the Town Office.

j) Shelburne Day BBQ

Committee members discussed plans for the first annual Shelburne Day BBQ event. Committee members would volunteer to assist Council members in hosting a free public barbeque. **Committee members propose 1 – 3 PM in the Bill Norman Park on the Shelburne waterfront, on Sunday, August 12th for the event.**

k) Popsicle Days

Committee members discussed potential dates for popsicle days at Graham's Park and the Parr Street Community Park. The CAO will check if the Jacey John McKenzie Cox Memorial Society will be hosting their annual event at the Parr Street Community Park in August.

l) Guild Hall 2018

Julie Ferguson updated the Committee on Guild Hall bookings and plans for the Guild Hall Summer Arts Series.

7) New Business:

a) Christmas Decorations

Committee members engaged in a brief discussion of Christmas decorations. It was agreed that purchasing half stars and half snowflakes – both suitable to remain in place into January – was the best course of action.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on motion at 8:47 PM.