



Meeting Minutes
Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee
Thursday, February 4th, 2021
6 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Bonnie Mahaney, Chair / Public Member
Mary Ayer / Public Member
Holly Renaud / Public Member
Cheryl Bower / Public Member
Elizabeth Acker / Council Member
Ben Nickerson / Council Member
Robin Smith / Town Staff Member

Regrets:

Deby Varner MacAlpine/Public Member

1. Call to Order

Chair Mahaney called the meeting to order at 6p.m.

An introduction of all members was held, and Bonnie gave an overview to the new Council members and staff of what the Committee is involved in and what they have done over the years. The Committee has been active since 2013 and helps in any way with the Town during festivals/events, recognizes Volunteers in the community, art & beautification projects and more.

2. Approval of Agenda

Renaud -Nickerson

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee for Thursday February 4th, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

Acker-Ayer

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee held on Thursday March 12th, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Delegations

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. CP&V Items

a) Committee Membership

The Committee still has one vacant position. Robin will advertise on the Town's social media and website, as well as the electronic sign. Mary offered to put up some posters around Town as well.

b) Volunteer of the Month

The Committee discussed the upcoming months of names for Volunteer of the Month. We will continue recognizing a volunteer that is a resident of the Town or the Municipality that volunteers actively in our community.

c) Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony

This year the Awards Ceremony will be a virtual event. Robin has received emails for the Provincial Volunteer of the Month nominations which need to be in by March 1st. Robin has put a post out on social media for the community to nominate someone for us to consider for the Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony. Discussion was held and we will decide via email with each other by Feb. 23rd who we are going to nominate from the Town.

d) Memorial Trees and Benches

This item was in early discussions last year before meetings had to stop due to COVID-19. The thought is having options for residents of the area to purchase memorial trees and benches to place in areas designated by the Town. Robin is going to reach out to other units and inquire regarding benches as well as talk to Council and the CAO. She will report back at next meeting.

e) Grants to Organizations

The committee reviewed the applications that were received by January 31st, 2021. The Finance Dept and Council are in the beginning stages of the Budget process and amounts have not been set yet for Grants to Organizations. The committee went through and discussed all applications and have some recommendations to go back to Council.

7. New Business

a) Holly-Committees and Events

Holly inquired where we were with any festivals or events for the Town. Robin indicated that with the Events Coordinator position being cut last year that unfortunately there was nothing being planned at the time. Bonnie indicated that the committee was willing to help with any plans of events the Town does have.

b) Holly– Multi – Cultural Event

It had been suggested last year that CP & V consider holding a multi-cultural event in the future featuring food and entertainment from various cultures considering the culturally diverse community we live in. Holly wanted to ensure that this stayed on the Agenda for the future. The committee all agreed it was a great idea. Robin is going to reach out to other units and see if there is any experience in planning an event of this type and report back.

c) Mary/Cheryl-Guild Hall

Cheryl wanted to check on the weather wrapping/curtains being installed at the Guild Hall as well Mary wanted to check on the chairs that are in storage to make sure they have not gotten damaged over the year etc. Robin will check in with Public Works on both those items and report back.

8. Adjournment

Ayer

THAT the CP & V Meeting for Thursday February 4th, 2021 be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED