

**Community Development Committee (CDC)  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2021 @ 5:30 PM  
Via WebEx virtual meetings**

In Attendance: Chair Councillor Mike Trinacty  
Councillor Rod Reeves  
Councillor Ty Walsh  
Heather Morse  
Carol Hiscock-White  
CAO Mike Payne

1. The meeting was called to order by Councillor Trinacty at 5:32 PM.
2. The minutes of the January 7, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The Agenda was approved as submitted.

**4. Business Arising**

*a) Downtown Parks Plan Update*

At the January 26 COTW meeting Chris Cooke had presented his updated plan to Council and members of CDC; it was well received. The CDC cautioned that the placement of trees and sun shades around the splash pad should be carefully considered to ensure there isn't too much shade. Families are familiar with the current footprint and address their own shade provisions as they deem appropriate.

*b) Public Consultation Policy*

No update since last meeting. An update will be available for the March meeting.

*c) Diversity Committee*

This issue was discussed in detail at the January 26 COTW; there was support for the concept but no concrete decisions were made by Council.

Councilor Walsh briefed the CDC on his work with Mayor Clarke, Taylor Boylan and the Kings Region Diversity Committee. At the January 9 Council Meeting a proclamation declaring February as African Heritage Month was passed by Council. The next morning the proclamation was read by Mayor Clarke before a small group of residents and the pan –African flag was raised over Town Hall. An annual diversity observance calendar shared by the Kings Region Diversity Committee will be used to identify other opportunities to regularly celebrate diversity. Heather Morse shared some information about a three day workshop she recently completed around First Nation reconciliation. She suggested that the acknowledgment of being on First

Nations territory at the start of meetings is an important step toward reconciliation. She also suggested that the Annapolis Valley First Nation could be approached to discuss ways we could further support reconciliation efforts.

Councillor Walsh advised that he has discussed the territory acknowledgement issue with Mayor Clarke and there is support to start doing just that in March. Councillor Walsh agreed to be the CDC champion for diversity issues and will report on this issue monthly as part of subcommittee updates.

*d) Economic Development Update*

Beth Wilson reported that she consulted members of the management team at Eden Valley Poultry for ideas in this area. They included shared advertising and pooling of human resources. If businesses work together it may attract more people to town. Considerable discussion ensued about the direction CDC should take on business networking. Business has to see value in working together; they may have competing interests and goals. Discussion around what the goals and strategy of the Committee should be:

- to support growth of the business district
- Support regional and provincial efforts.

Councillor Trinacty confirmed that he has spoken with Neil Mattsen and John Nichols who would be interested in serving on a business growth committee. CAO Payne confirmed that he had reviewed the former Director of Community Developments hard drive for business survey data and was unable to locate any.

**5. Sub Committee Updates:**

*a) Sports Hall of Fame*

No meeting/update.

*b) Trails Committee*

Next meeting set for March 16 @ 9:30AM

*c) KMCC Governance Committee*

Next meeting set for 22 @ 8:00 PM

*d) Gala Days/Town Council Working Group*

Next meeting set for February 15. No firm plans for Gala Days 2021 given the pandemic.

*e) Staff Updates*

CAO Payne summarized Committee of The Whole Reports for Recreation, Active Living and the Fitness Centre.

**6. New Business**

*a) 2021-2022 Budget Update*

CAO Payne provided a high level overview of capital plans that primarily involve Spicer Park and trail development. He summarized the operational highlights of the Community Development budget. Committee members did not have any additional recommendations.

b) *Other*

The Committee expressed their support for Brittany and Taylor's initiative in operating out of Carol's Place on Fridays.

Some community groups may be interested in fundraising to support new equipment for parks. The Community Health Board may have limited funding available. Staff should explore corporate grant opportunities as well.

**7. Next Meeting:**

Thursday March 11 @ 5:30PM

**8. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.**