

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

In Attendance: Chair Councillor Mike Trinacty  
Councillor Rod Reeves  
Councillor Ty Walsh  
Heather Morse  
CAO Mike Payne

Regrets: Carol Hiscock-White  
Beth Wilson

1. The meeting was called to order by Councillor Trinacty at 5:30 PM.
2. The minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The Agenda was approved with the addition of the Lieutenant Governor award

**4. Business Arising**

*a) Public Consultation Policy*

Cost is but one factor for consideration. The impact on the community is a major consideration, particularly for local residents regarding a significant change in use. Are there pre-existing consultation models for review or comparison?

*b) Economic Development Update*

Payne summarized the two weeks 'Destination Hibernation' radio ad campaign with Rewind 89.3 that will promote shopping local, the HOME program and the Berwick Fitness Centre. Will share the campaign with the local business community via email. Some discussion about D/Mayor Walsh's feature in the Valley Wire promoting and supporting of Berwick and area businesses.

**5. Sub Committee Updates:**

*a) Sports Hall of Fame*

The annual public event is planned for September. The Committee is actively soliciting nominations for unique Berwick area events related to equestrian, agriculture or builders.

*b) Trails Committee*

Next meeting set for March 16 @ 9:30AM. Trinacty advised that the Town manages the 2.2 km Harvest Moon Trail (HMT) through a letter of Authority with the province. The Kings County Trails Society (KCTS) manages the rest of the trail from Cambridge to Kingston, some 27 km. The province has recently made regular funding for maintenance activities available to non-profits like KCTS. It could potentially save the Town upwards of \$2000.00 annually to turn management of the HMT over to KCTS. The Town could still address the trail heads, train box cars, and local signage that would benefit the Town and businesses. Exploratory conversations are being initiated with KCTS.

*c) KMCC Governance Committee*

The Curling Club is leading this group for the current calendar year. The arena is doing really well with ice rentals that will be extended into April, possibly May. The Lions Club remain the entity most impacted with pandemic related restrictions. The Town included the KMCC in its recent application for funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to develop an Asset Management Program.

*d) Gala Days/Town Council Working Group*

The former Berwick Building Supplies site remains available for Gala Days traditional use, likely for the next few years. The Town intends to address drainage issues in Centennial park this spring and will keep the Gala Days group apprized. The Town is gathering data regarding its annual support to Gala Days event that is of significant interest. Some discussion about the value of an economic impact study about Gala Days that could use resources available through Acadia University and the Valley Regional Enterprise Network.

*e) Staff Updates*

CAO Payne reviewed the project reports summary document. New funding applications have been submitted to complete required drainage at Centennial Park and fit up of the two train boxcars earmarked for the HMT. The effort of getting them here is being coordinated by the province along with cars for Kingston and Grand Pre. They require a heavy lift crane and temporary removal of wheels to get the units transported beneath electricity wires. There was some discussion about letters of support for the box car funding application; Brittany subsequently confirmed that she has all the letters of support required. Hike NS is offering leadership training for residents interested in leading walks around the Town's trails and pathways; contact Brittany for additional information.

*f) Diversity*

Walsh briefed the Committee about the draft 'Holidays and Recognition' document that he and Taylor collaborated on for the entire year. There was good support among the Committee and a recognition that feedback from community stakeholders is important. Canada Day was noted as requiring some level of formal recognition by the Town despite the traditional practice of supporting neighboring community events.

**6. New Business**

a) *Lieutenant Governor (LG) Leblanc Award*

Mayor Clarke briefed the Committee on a very personable telephone call he had received from the LG last spring during the three-month closure of Town Hall. Mayor Clarke recently received a package in the mail that consisted of a 'Community Spirit' bronze plaque from the LG recognizing the Town for its efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be hung in the Town Hall foyer.

**7. Next Meeting:**

Thursday April 8 @ 5:30PM

**8.** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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