

Community Development Committee  
July 21, 2021  
Via WebEx Meetings

**1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

**Present:** Councillor Mike Trinacty (Chair), Carol Hiscock-White, Heather Morse, Councillor Rod Reeves, Deputy Mayor Ty Walsh, Mayor Don Clarke, Jane Bustin, Taylor Boylan – Recreation Coordinator

**Regrets:** Beth Wilson, Michael Payne (CAO)

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Approved as circulated

**3. Review of Previous Minutes -May 19/21**

Approved as circulated

**4. Business Arising**

**a) Public consultation policy**

Following the last meeting, the draft copy of the public consultation policy document was incomplete. A further completed copy was found by the new MPAL but needs to be further revised before being brought forward to the committee.

**Action:** K Halliday to complete this document for review at the September meeting.

**b) Spicer Park playground planning**

Discussion ensued that pandemic restrictions have lessened since the previous meeting and playground planning, with community consultation, can begin. The committee talked about the importance of ensuring that the discussions included all relevant parties and was extended broadly.

**Action:** Councillor Walsh and B. Wilson to connect with local families and a post will be distributed on social media to further engagement.

**c) Interpretive Panel location**

It had been decided that the panel would be placed in front of Town Hall. In June, Council received a letter from A. Furniss with concerns surrounding the panel and additional research on the history of Margaret Marshall Saunders that surfaced some racist correspondence. Mayor Clarke read the letter to the committee who agreed that the new approach for the panel would be appropriate.

At the May meeting, it was discussed at length about additional panels being placed in Town. This will be placed on an agenda for a future meeting and it was suggested that the committee discuss this with members of the Mural Project, as they have extensive knowledge of local history.

This spurred a conversation about the Town of Berwick's upcoming Centennial anniversary in 2023. For the Town's 75th anniversary, a committee was in existence to plan events.

#### **d) Other**

The survey results were emailed to all members of the committee for the Physical Activity survey from the Province.

T Boylan provided an update on the crosswalk markings, which will only be done on private (AVRCE) property.

### **5. Sub Committee Updates**

#### **a) Sports Hall of Fame**

The committee has made selections, and a press release will be issued when details have been confirmed. Those being inducted are; Megan White, Levi Sherman, Les Ward & Eiffes Gal, John Verran, Berwick Eassons and David Lamb. The induction will take place on September 25, 2021 and the committee is hoping for an in-person ceremony.

#### **b) Trails Committee**

A work day took place in June, the trailhead continues to need more maintenance and mowing on a regular basis. The railcar project is still happening and it is expected that more information will be available soon on this project.

#### **c) Staff Updates**

T Boylan gave updates on many on-going projects, and that Kimberly Halliday has accepted a one year term role as the Municipal Physical Activity Leader (MPAL) and Katie Verrette will be joining the team as an Economic Development Officer (EDO). Both will attend the September meeting.

#### **d) Diversity Committee**

H Morse circulated a document earlier in the week surrounding Truth and Reconciliation in simple, family friendly terms. The committee expressed interest in having an item to review for each meeting.

### **6. New Business**

#### **a) Basketball Nets for Rainforth Park**

The decision was made to order the two new basketball net packages as approved in the 2021-2022 Capital Budget and to install one in the area where the currently existing net is.

**Action:** T Boylan to order the packages as quoted and arrange for installation of one net in the current area. T Boylan to cost the project if the Town was to further extend the existing asphalt.

**b) Berwick Mural Project**

Background on the Mural Project was included with the meeting package, including a letter from Barry Corbin. Councillor Trinacty explained at length about the work of that group and their on-going fundraising efforts. The committee is in support of this project and raised some questions about ongoing maintenance.

**b) Other**

**Covid-19:** Several members of the committee have been approached with information suggesting the regional area has a relatively lower uptake of vaccinations against Covid-19. The committee discussed means of encouraging residents to get vaccinations.

**Action:** Councillor Trinacty and Mayor Clarke to find more concrete information.

**War Memorial:** Mayor Clarke explains to the committee that there is a carved piece, depicting a War Veteran, that was erected by the Town in 2005 on the corner of Main Street and Commercial Street. The carving is now in disrepair and the property it sits on is for sale. The committee discussed this issue at length; with concerns about the longevity of the carving, potential repair of the carving, removal of the carving and what to do with it, if it was removed. The committee also discussed that a War Memorial does now exist at the Berwick and District School and the original purpose of the carving had been served. The general consensus was to speak to the artist who carved the piece (Dave Whitman) to find out his thoughts and to strongly consider removing the piece from the property it currently sits on.

**Meetings:**

The committee agreed to return to in-person meetings, noting the ease of reverting to Webex if necessary. The committee also proposed changing the meeting time to 6:30 PM.

**Next meeting:** Third Wednesday in September  
September 15, 6:30 PM - Town Hall

**Gala Days Update:**

Deputy Mayor Walsh gave an update that the Gala Days Festival will be taking place on Labour Day weekend in a modified form.

**7. Adjourn**