

**Community Development Committee (CDC)
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021 6:30pm
Virtually via WebEx Meetings**

In Attendance:

Councillor Trinacty (Meeting Chair)
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Rod Reeves
Mayor Don Clarke
Carol Hiscock-White, citizen member
Heather Morse, citizen member
Beth Wilson, citizen member
Jane Bustin, citizen member
Taylor Boylan, Recreation Coordinator

1. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Councillor Trinacty.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Business Arising

a) Community Consultation Guidelines

Approved by Council November 9 and will be shared with this Committee.

b) Spicer Park Playground Planning

Some discussion about results of the public consultation and Ms. Halliday's recommendation:
The RFP will seek submissions to install accessible flooring, secure the existing playground structure and install equipment designed for children up to five years of age; supported.

c) Business Forum Update

Planned for January or early February 2022. Tentative plans center around a breakfast meeting with presentations and networking opportunities.

d) Rainforth Park Plaque

The original gateway pillars that were replaced last year had contained a plaque acknowledging the Rainforth family's contributions to the park. Mr. Payne will confirm that the plaque is with Public Works and get it reinstalled on the new pillars.

e) Downtown Parks Fencing

The fencing around the perimeters of Centennial and Rainforth Parks is in disrepair. Ms. Boylan presented information around costs, grant opportunities and a recommendation to replace the fencing over several years. There was unanimous agreement that fencing was required among the east and west sides of the park but there was some debate about the requirement for fencing along the north and south sides of the parks (in Rainforth Park along Cottage Street and in Centennial Park along Union Street). Discussion around the requirement for fencing in support of Gala Days was identified as a priority and the viability of using the existing fencing and vegetation in lieu of new, expensive fencing. A recommendation was presented that the current fencing be repaired/replaced as minimally required and staff work with gardeners to identify a non-invasive, fast growing vine that could be planted along the fencing to beautify and secure it; supported.

f) Rainforth Park basketball court

Ms. Boylan presented a recommendation that a basketball court be installed along the Cottage Street side at the intersection with the eastern gravel parking lot. Funding opportunities are available that would cover some of the costs of paving and fencing; supported.

g) Tree Planting

Michelin supplied the Town several larger trees as part of their anniversary celebrations. The CDC had recommended some locations around Town where the trees should be planted and the trees have been delivered to Public Works. Ms. Verrette is to confirm that the trees have been planted and the locations.

5. Sub Committee Updates

a) Sports Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held Saturday November 13 and was well done. It was live streamed on social media as well.

b) Trails Committee

The next Trails Committee meeting is scheduled for January. Mr. Payne advised that staff are aware that development of the Trail Head/train box car area is an operational and funding priority for staff. He also raised the issue of developing/formalizing a trail from Chute Park at Orchard Street, north to the Brown Street Connector trail. The area is open greenspace

and is being used as a footpath already. It would not be an expensive project to have Public Works remove sod and install a five-foot-wide pea gravel trail. Some discussion ensued and Councillor Trinacty confirmed that this project has been on the radar of the Trails Committee for some time and should be pursued. A recommendation was made to conduct public consultations, identify costs and plan to include the project in the F2023 capital budget planning process; supported.

Some discussion ensued about the planned Community Solar Garden on the northern end and west side of Willow Avenue and the potential for an east-west trail to eventually connect with the Town's Public Works property. Mr. Payne advised that the issue has been raised with officials finalizing the land purchase details and a trail will be a 'permitted use'.

c) Diversity Committee – Kings Strategy

A fulsome discussion was held about diversity along two streams:

- Municipalities in Kings Region are reexamining partnerships like Valley Waste and Kings Transit and are looking to modernize their intermunicipal service agreements (IMSA's). There has been some discussion about new IMSA's among the partners in new service areas like diversity and inclusion. Mr. Payne will share a document prepared by the Municipality of Kings on this issue. Eventually Council should be receiving a proposal and presentation on this issue at a Council meeting. Mr. Payne will ensure that members of CDC are invited.
- The Diversity Kings County Committee is looking to reconfirm appointees from the participating municipalities. Councillor Walsh has been the Town's representative for several years but has been challenged to meet the regular meetings held on Mondays at 5/6 PM given his employment status and family commitments. The recommendation was that Heather Morse and Jane Bustin be appointed as the Town's representatives, one of them would be available; supported.

d) Staff Updates

Jordan Hebb has been hired as the new Recreation Programmer and starts on Monday, November 29. The Town's tree lighting ceremony will be held Friday, November 26 at 6:30 PM and the Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, November 27 at 6:00 PM.

6. New Business

a) CORAH programming

Ms. Boylan presented a report about this programming that is targeted towards seniors and is based in Middleton but will be offered at Carol's Place simultaneously through the use of

technology. Grant funding supplied a laptop, printer and 76" panel television for the project that Town staff can use for other programming as well. Volunteers and facilitators have been confirmed and the first session will be held Thursday November 18.

b) Blue Route Hubs Project

Mr. Payne presented a letter supplied by Ms. Halliday that confirms the Town has been selected to participate in this project this fiscal year. Bicycle NS will work through a consultant to develop a concept plan to formalize/map routes and hubs within Town that promote a network of safe cycling infrastructure. The project will cost \$3,500 to \$5,500 and grant funding through the Active Communities Fund is available. Some in-kind commitment of staff time is required.

c) Valley Vipers

On Wednesday there was an announcement that the semi-professional Eastern Canadian Basketball League would operate a team out of the KMCC from March through June. See the Saltwire article for additional details. <https://www.saltwire.com/atlantic-canada/communities/valley-vipers-announced-as-eastern-canadian-basketball-leagues-fourth-team-100659384/?fbclid=IwAR0eR7OozJ1hO9lpGH9jbUTp8Ab-MhEoO-rxlakRx1fORaAlZVUEOUUoHI#.YZWXXA3U3wo.facebook>

d) Town 100th Celebration

Deferred to next meeting. Chair Trinacty asked members to begin compiling a list of brainstorming activities for consideration.

e) Interpretive panels – brainstorming themes and locations

Deferred to next meeting.

The next meeting will be held December 15th at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.