

ATTENDING:

Councillor Ty Walsh (Chair)
Councillor Johanna Kwakernaak (Vice Chair)
Mayor Mike Trinacty
Manager Katie Verrette
Active Living Coordinator Jordan Hebb
Recreation Coordinator Taylor Boylan
Heather Morse
Jennifer Deslauriers Community Health Plan
Recording Secretary, Roger Flynn, Office Administrative Coordinator

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Jane Bustin
Carol Hiscock/White

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at _____6:30 pm_____

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF _____Feb 19, 2025_____BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

Motion Carried

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF _____Aug 29th, 2024_____BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED/AMENDED.

Motion Carried

4. Ongoing business

a) centennial updates

The clock installation for the Centennial celebration is complete, except for adding a commemorative plaque at the base. The time capsule is also complete, but they are working on including photos of the town. The initial photo attempt was unsuccessful, so Taylor is contacting a local photographer for permission to use their images. Don Clark has the time capsule and will be dropping it off soon.

b) Rainforth/ centennial park upgrades

The design of Rainforth and Centennial Parks were discussed. It was decided not to move forward with engaging consultants to update the park plan and instead have staff work to update existing maps to reflect current park layouts.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

a) Sports Hall of Fame

The committee is continuing to meet regularly, and the members are currently scoring the nominations to choose the inductees for this year's event. The induction ceremony is scheduled for June 14 at the Berwick Lions Hall. The committee had one nomination they were unsure about, but the person has now expressed interest in continuing. The committee is trying to put more messaging out this year to encourage more nominations, as they accept them year-round. They are also trying to get more information and documentation from the nominees to help with the scoring process.

b) Trails committee

The Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition no longer provides maintenance, we have contracted it out which will increase our annual budget from \$3000 to \$5000. The Trails Committee is not currently meeting and future direction will be given after Council goes through their strategic direction exercise.

c) Diversity Committee

The province requires municipalities to have plans addressing systemic hate, inequity, and racism by April 1, 2025. The town decided to add a chapter on these issues to their existing Accessibility Plan, instead of creating a separate plan. They are developing this with community feedback from a survey. The updated Accessibility Plan will be presented to the Committee of the Whole next week. There was discussion about ensuring diverse representation on the Accessibility Committee to better reflect the community.

d) Staff updates

The Light the Nights event was successful, with good turnout despite weather challenges. Community organizations led the activities, making planning easier for the town. They plan to build on this success for next year. The town is also collaborating with organizations to increase physically active opportunities and exploring partnerships with para sports groups for inclusive activities. For summer staff, they plan to improve training by adding weekly reports, mid-summer check-ins, and end-of-summer interviews to enhance program quality.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Strategic Goals 2025/2026

The Staff presented their goals as provided in the agenda package.

b) Budget updates

The budget updates focus on improving accessibility, maintaining parks and trails, and enhancing community amenities:

1. Budget Updates:

- a. After-school program redesign affected capacity and funding.
- b. A new multicultural event is included in the community events budget.
- c. \$6,000 allocated for improvements and maintenance at Chute Park.
- d. Trail maintenance budget increased by \$2,000 due to the trail coordinator's retirement.

2. Capital Projects:

- a. \$12,500 for an accessible connector path through Centennial and Rain Fourth Park.
- b. Upgrades planned for Heritage Station Park, including flooring and door access improvements to the boxcars.
- c. Beautification projects, including lighting and signage, are included in the budget.

c) Equestrian Trail Course Updates

The equestrian trail course project behind the Kings Mutual Century Center is not moving forward due to logistical issues. Public Works removed the materials that were prepared for the site. Although the project is on hold, it may be reconsidered at a different location in the future.

d) Anti-Racism/ Diversity Strategy

The town is integrating an anti-racism and equity component into its existing Accessibility Plan to meet a provincial requirement by April 1, 2025. This decision allows for a timely response without creating a separate plan. The strategy is guided by community feedback and aims to ensure diverse representation on related committees. The updated plan will be presented to the Committee of the Whole next week, with a long-term goal of implementing the equity plan over the next 3-5 years.



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e) Review Meeting schedule for 2025

The Community Development Committee will hold meetings on Tuesdays every other month for consistency. They are considering removing the August 19 meeting due to the council's summer break, with the option of scheduling a special meeting in September if needed. This new schedule aims to improve planning and alignment with other committee meetings.

7. NEW MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held _____April 15, 2025_____at 6:30pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT _____9:04 pm_____.

Approved by Committee on Month Day, 2025
As recorded by Roger Flynn, Office Administrative Coordinator