

DELTA & AREA COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Location: Delta Library

Date & Time: Wednesday August 28, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER BY: Liz Priebe at 6:32 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL –ROLL CALL – Liz Priebe, Connie McCullough, Jeff Patry, Doug Wilson, Doug Cowley, Sue Dunfield, Paula Banks, Susie Mensen, Cristy Melvin,

2. REGRETS – Kathryn Gould, Chuck Chant

3. GUESTS: Amy Patry

4. EMERGENCY ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

4.1 – Susie advised that Roger & Anne Gibson had wanted to donate a bench

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Motion By: Jeff Patry Seconded By: Connie McCullough

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF: None

7. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF – July 31, 2024

Motion by Doug Wilson Seconded by Susie Mensen

8. DELEGATIONS:

9. COMMUNITY UPDATES:

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS/REQUESTS:

10.1 Beautification Committee – Susie advised that she may have money left over from her flower funds. It was decided that the CEC should wait to see if additional funds are needed to finish the Heart project. Susie identified that one of the pots by the Mill bridge was missing. Liz advised that she is replacing the pot with a more secure way of preventing vandalism. Susie also added that she has a volunteer who is helping with weeding the flowers by the name of Beth Smith. Liz indicated that Ms. Smith will need to complete a Rideau Lakes volunteer form for liability/injury. Plans are in process for this to be done.

Connie advised that the balance for the budget for this year is \$1,428.55 and if we do not use it by year end, we lose that money. Susie suggested that any leftover money from her Beautification Committee could be used to purchase the rock for the Heart sign if necessary. Discussion ensued regarding the sign and it was decided that when the rock is delivered that the CEC should be there to determine the exact location. Doug indicated that the rock has been estimated at weighing about 1,500 pounds.

11. BUSINESS ARISING:

11.1 – Daffodil distribution with bags & stickers. Jeff showed the Committee a draft design for a sticker. The sticker will seal a small bag closed which contains 5 daffodil bulbs. The Delta CEC will receive 200

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bulbs and therefore fill 40 bags. The bags will be randomly distributed on the day of the Memorial Bench unveiling ceremony at Mill Stream Park. It was decided that the ceremony should start at 9:30 a.m. The Mayor and Councilors along with the families of the bench dedications will be present. The families may be bringing mementos as part of the presentation. Further details will be discussed at the next meeting.

11.2 – “Adopt a Barrel” program to help Susie, - It was decided that next February the CEC will start advertising this program trying to get Delta citizens involved in taking care of some of the flower barrels.

11.3 – Traffic slowing idea – paint “SLOW” at regular intervals along King Street – With regard to anything related to the County, the CEC has not yet heard back about slowing initiatives, air brakes from trucks, crosswalk creation, or street name signage. (NOTE: from July minutes, these issues are scheduled to be addressed at the next County meeting on September 4th)

11.4 – Street signage defining King Street vs County Road 42. (CEC Motion passed for County) -

11.5 – Status of Traffic calming measures, (motion sent for County attention) -

11.6 – Status of motion to County regarding Crosswalk in village -

11.7 – Follow up regarding noise from Lower Beverley Park from loud music – Jeff advised that he has talked to the person who runs the music/karaoke equipment. Most of the high volumes are related to Karaoke. The noise will be set to a tolerable level. There has been a vast improvement in the noise levels.

11.8 – Update regarding installation of Phillippsville sign at north end of village – Christy advised that the sign has been repaired and is stored in the dome and ready for installation. However, staff have not yet gotten to this project.

11.9 – Property Standards – This subject is related to the property at the laneway across the street from the Legion. An email was sent to Bylaw Enforcement who will be visiting the home owner to have the problem corrected or be charged under the bylaw.

11.10 – Shade Trees for Millstream Park (best species, funding) – Liz has asked an arborist neighbour to recommend trees with shallow roots, give shade and not disrupt the concrete. The CEC will make recommendations and forward them to staff.

11.11- Delta Harvest Festival September 28th – There are several activities on that day. The Delta Pilot advertised some of these events.

11.12 – Liaison with Delta Fair Board – William approached Doug W. to suggest a liaison between the CEC and the Delta Fair. Doug advised that he would raise this subject with the CEC. Doug will be the CEC liaison and William will be the Fair Board liaison. This discussion led into a discussion about the growing lack of volunteerism in all communities. Christy is working on a potential source through the high school when they sign up for school sports. Christy will keep us apprised.

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11.13 – Susie advised that Roger & Ann Gibson had wanted to donate a bench from the beginning in memory of a Gibson family member. They had apparently contacted Leila in this regard. Christy will try to track the paper trail. The Gibson family has the money set aside for the donation of the bench. Christy also indicated that she was contacted by another person who wanted to donate a bench to Mill Stream Park.

12. MONITORED PENDING ITEMS: (Quick visit to each item for status, to be moved, to be deleted)

12.1 – Beverly School Property – (CEC monitoring)

12.2 – Delta Berm – Status (3-5 years) (CEC monitoring)

12.3 – Maple Syrup Building - (Township awaiting report)

12.4 - Delta Country Christmas 2024 – Planning Start date – Beginning of October 2024

12.5 - Visioning Process for Delta – Status (Motion passed) (Deferred to 2025)

12.6 – Strategic Plan for Rideau Lakes Draft -

13. CURRENT PROJECTS STATUS –

13.1 – Follow up regarding motion for CECs to access Township software and have their own workspace for all forms of communications, exchange of files, images and data.

Motion:

That the Rideau Lakes Township prioritize its website development to make it more user friendly for both Councilors and the public. That the *website* allows for easy access and navigation by all to promote *Township information*, events and meetings which may be of interest to the community.

Motion By: Liz Priebe

Seconded by Jeff Patry

Adopted

13.2 – Mill Stream Park – “Heart Sign” installation – Some members of the CEC attended a rock quarry to view and discuss the size and shape of a base structure to support the completed heart shaped sign. The dimensions were supplied which will allow both adults and children access for photographic recording. The CEC is awaiting a response from the supplier.

13.3 – Memorial Benches for Mill Stream Park Dedication – Two benches in the park are ready for the dedication. During the discussion, it was determined that two additional families wish to dedicate benches on behalf of loved-ones. Further investigation is being conducted. The Dedication for the two installed benches will occur during the Harvest Festival starting at 9:30 a.m. where the families, the Mayor, Councilors and the public are invited to participate.

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14. REVIEW OF FINANCES/LEGACY FUNDS: Connie advised that the current balance of the Delta CEC budget is \$857.49. Any remaining funds not needed for 2024 it will be returned to the Township and we will begin on January 1st 2025 with \$2,550.00.

15. CEC COUNCILLOR REMARKS: Councilors – Sue advised that September 16th there will be a meeting about the future of the Chantry building and on September 18th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Ronald E Holman Centre) the public is invited to attend to review the proposed designs.

16. TOWNSHIP UPDATES: Recreation & Volunteer Coordinator – Christy advised that the Night at the Movies held at D.A.R.S. only attracted 5 children. Discussion ensued regarding the future of this event. Liz indicated that the Library holds an adult movie night but she was not aware of its success.

17. ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING:

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 p.m.