

## MEETING MINUTES

Elgin and Area Community Enhancement Committee

Elgin Community Hall

Thursday August 15, 2024

@ 5:30 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:35PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

Present: Graham Lowe, Clint Halladay, Mary Roantree, Reinhart Bigl, Trish Bolechowsky, Linda Ubdegrove, Councillor Linda Carr and Councillor Joan Delaney, Christy Melvin Acting Recreation & Volunteer Coordinator.

Absent: Darlene Braybrook and Donna Robinson.

### 2. EMERGENCY ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motioned by: Trish Bolechowsky

Seconded by: Reinhart Bigl

**5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:**  
NONE

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 18, 2024

Motioned by: Trish Bolechowsky

Seconded by: Reinhart Bigl

### 7. DELEGATIONS:

- **Melanie Spence- Youth Programming** (No presentation)
- **Ashley Truesdell- Halloween trick-or-treat event in Heritage Park**  
- **Roof Over Arena Fundraising request** (moved to the next meeting)

### 8. COMMUNITY UPDATES

- Reinhart Bigl sent thanks to Council about the installation of the *Share the Road Signs*.
- Councillor Joan Delaney shared that County Road 42 will have paved shoulders for cyclists.
- Trish Bolechowsky stated that it was great to see the amount of feedback and interest from the community regarding the Chantry Municipal Office.

- Linda Carr had asked about the turn out from the Township organized garden contest. Christy Melvin told the committee that there were 42 entries in total for the 3 categories. The garden picnic and announcement of winners will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a tie for the Vegetable award. Linda Carr had suggested taking photos of the gardens to showcase on the website or Facebook of the winners and other entries.
- Linda Ubdegrove and Mary Roantree wanted to say thank you to Municipal Properties for cleaning up the parking lot and the trees before Elgin Days.
- Mary Roantree stated that there was no update from the Heritage Society.
- Linda Ubdegrove stated that there was no update from the Seniors.

## **9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS/REQUESTS:**

### **9.1 Recreation Committee**

• **Elgin Days Recap:** Trish Bolechowsky stated that the committee was going to have their wrap-up meeting at the end of the month. The sponsored signs from the Elgin CEC for Elgin Days advertising were much easier to install, less time consuming, and more polished. Linda Carr stated that a local businessperson said that “It was the best organized event in years.” Trish Bolechowsky and Linda Ubdegrove are to take this information and forward it onto the Elgin Days Committee and congratulate them on another successful event. Graham Lowe heard mentions of how much fun the participants in the parade had. Linda Ubdegrove made mention of how much free water attendees consumed. She also added that she promoted Gordanier’s as the supplier of the water when she saw people taking water.

• **Music in the Park Recap:** Mary Roantree stated that the turnout of the event was disappointing with the low turnout. Trish Bolechowsky wondered if making it an annual event would be better. Mary Roantree mentioned that Gray Raspberry (the hired performer) was great entertainment. Mary Roantree thanked the library for doing the bulk of the setup and advertising. She would like to partner with them again for future events. Linda Carr had suggested Music for an older age group. Trish Bolechowsky suggested a more family geared event. Mary Roantree expressed thanks to Reinhart Bigl for supplying the event with a sound system. She also thanked Darlene and her helpers for creating a colouring book for the event, Christy Melvin for the temporary tattoo station, and the Heritage Society for lending chairs and helping set up tents. Mary Roantree also stated that the CEC donated the leftover chips, drinks, and jumbo freezies. Graham Lowe thinks that the event should happen again. Trish Bolechowsky suggested having a puppeteer or a magician instead of music. Mary Roantree suggested having different age groups or genres. Trish Bolechowsky suggested a mailout for advertising. The group agreed that it is too expensive and that mailing out through the South Crosby Public School would be best. The group decided to further discuss the event at the next meeting.

### **9.2 Beautification Committee**

Trish Bolechowsky mentioned that the hanging baskets looked great this year. Mary Roantree mentioned that a Heritage storyboard had to be replaced due to vandalism and that other cases of vandalism to cars have been on the rise in Elgin. Trish Bolechowsky asked Councillor Joan Delaney about the plowing of parking spaces in winter. Councillor Joan Delaney is going to talk to Dan Chant (Manager of Public Works) about the removal of the snow.

**Recommendation:** Staff to issue a notice to maintain their grass to the owners of the following lots

Motioned by: Linda Ubdegrove

Seconded by: Clinton Halliday

### **9.3 Hall Committee**

Christy Melvin informed the committee that the hall is almost booked solid every day. She also mentioned that CPHC is coming back to use the hall for Senior's exercise classes.

## **10. BUSINESS ARISING:**

### **10.1 Upcoming Events**

- **Committee BBQ:** September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm-6pm: Trish Bolechowsky is bringing her BBQ. The committee is looking for a second BBQ. Going to put an out through the CEC Facebook page to see if someone will lend the committee one. Motioned by Clinton Halliday and seconded by Trish Bolechowsky. Trish Bolechowsky is to create a poster for the event and send it to Christy Melvin to send out to the school for a mailout. Linda Ubdegrove offered to Chair the event once again this year.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- Graham Lowe had mentioned that there needs to be a Secretary, and a Treasurer appointed for the Committee and a potential change in Chair. Trish Bolechowsky suggested rotating the combined position of Secretary and Treasurer through the meetings, so every member takes a turn. The Committee will discuss this at the next meeting.

## **12. REVIEW OF FINANCES/LEGACY FUNDS**

- Christy Melvin stated that the Committee currently has \$14,534.30 as a balance.
- Linda Carr asked Christy Melvin to calculate the expenses and revenue from Elgin Days. Christy Melvin is to calculate the totals and send them to the Committee next week.

## **13. CEC COUNCILLOR REMARKS:** Councilors Linda Carr and Joan Delaney

- Councillor Joan Delaney was impressed with the Library TD Reading end of Summer Carnival.

**14. TOWNSHIP UPDATES:** Christy Melvin, Acting Recreation & Volunteer Coordinator

Christy Melvin explained the PHAC Intersectoral Action Fund that she is going to apply for. Linda Ubdegrove volunteered to help cook the meals monthly if the funding comes through. Christy Melvin also mentioned the other three grants that are being applied for: HelpAge Canada Seniors Grant, The New Horizons Seniors Program Grant, and the SALC Funding.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:30PM

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** 6:57PM