



HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, July 18th, 2019 Town Hall Classroom

PRESENT: Peter Willmott - Interim Chair
Wesley Ferdis – Vice Chair
Joel Simpson – Secretary
Nathan Wukasch
Sylvia Bray
Fiona Ryner
Tim North
Andrea McCormack
Dan McCormack
Donna Cutler
Vittoria Trainer
Erika Haney

REGRETS: Greg Forbes
Ruth McArthur
Kevin Stevenson
Irene Bell
Kendra Marr
John Ferguson

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 pm**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none**
3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – no additions required.**
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** June 20th, 2019. Peter will send out minutes via email for any errors and omissions before the next coordinated committee.
5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**
No deputations.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Discussion raised on Snow Angels and Garden gnomes program. Peter has sent a letter of support from the HCN to help the program obtain funding for updated equipment and print recognition for volunteers.
 - b. An update has been given on the single use utensil initiative. A media release should be done on the social media accounts to increase awareness of this initiative. There was a suggestion to reach out to the Simcoe County Waste Management and have a representative attend our meeting to present information on the process of recycling at their facility. Peter has a contact with this department and will be reaching out.

7. STANDING ITEMS

2019 Committee Goals updates

1. To identify and implement initiatives to make Wasaga Beach a Bicycle Friendly Community. Lead – Peter, as Chair of the Bicycle Friendly Sub Committee. The town has received a grant to help connect the Wasaga Beach section along shore lane as part of the Great Lakes Waterfront trail.

An update was provided on the status of the bike friendly application. The committee in charge of this review has had difficulty coordinating the committee to meet but plans to meet soon and discuss the application.

A concern was raised on the bike friendliness of Beachwood Road. It has been determined Wasaga Beach is not yet in charge of signage and maintenance of Beachwood yet. This will be changed in the future when appropriate.

There is a group of 75 individuals biking through Wasaga Beach at a future date and are looking for accommodations to host all 75 cyclists. It was asked if members of the HCN could join the Wasaga Beach section of their ride in support of their trip. More information is required on time, date and organization's information.

2. To organize the 11th annual educational canoe trip – Lead -Peter. Action: none at this time.

3. To develop and implement a communication strategy to raise awareness of HCN - Lead - Andrea. Action: none at this time.

4. To expand HCN presence at public events – Lead – All members. A bike valet will be set up at Wasaga Under Siege in front of the information Centre and at the Blue's Festival. A concern was raised on liability for stolen bikes or equipment when locked to the bike valet. A sign stating "leave at own risk" was recommended to be posted with the bike valet. It was also discussed the possibility of changing the name "bike valet" as it may be misleading users that the expectation the area will be monitored by a person.

5. To ensure member representation on the following committees/projects:

- Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Project
- South Georgian Bay Food Champions
- Green Prescription Project
- Age Friendly Advisory Committee

6. To maintain liaison with Town staff re. current and future community garden projects – Lead – Peter. The affordable housing is being built quickly. Application for housing begin soon and the goal is to have a second community garden at this location.

7. To promote Wasaga Beach as a walk friendly community. – Lead – T.B.D. Action: School travel planning has begun. There will be a local meeting held next week to discuss the long term goals involving promotional videos and branding initiatives.

8. To explore the potential for making Wasaga Beach a Dark Sky Community – Lead – Tim. No action at this time

9. To advise Council on current and emerging food security initiatives – Lead – T.B.D

10. To support Ontario Parks in the implementation of its smoke free beaches initiative.

Action: none at this time. A concern was raised on how this can be enforced throughout the region. There is a lot of signage posted as well as Ontario Wardens educating the public on the new rules.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Kendra has asked about the possibility of providing a composting option at the main street market.

9. Date of Next Meeting: August 15th, 2019 7-9pm

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:23pm by Peter Willmott,