



## HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK

### Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, September 19th, 2019 Town Hall Classroom

**PRESENT:**

- Peter Willmott - Interim Chair
- Joel Simpson – Secretary
- Nathan Wukasch
- Sylvia Bray
- Andrea McCormack
- Dan McCormack
- Donna Cutler
- Erika Haney
- Adam Frazier
- Kendra Marr
- Irene Bell
- John Ferguson
- Ruth McArthur

**REGRETS:**

- Greg Forbes
- Kevin Stevenson
- Fiona Ryner
- Tim North
- Vittoria Trainer
- Wesley Ferdis – Vice Chair

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 pm**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

None

3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA:**

No additions required.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

August 15, 2019. Moved: Irene. Second: Sylvia.

5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Penny Rush, a public health nurse, from the smoke free program has presented on smoke free outdoor spaces. Throughout the province of Ontario, all provincial parks, swimming beaches and playgrounds are considered a sporting area and are therefore smoke free areas. Regarding the beach, this includes 20 metres from the water's edge. Tobacco enforcement officers have been present to enforce the bylaw and have focused primary on education instead of punishment at this time. The upcoming goal for the smoke free program was to simplify the bylaw and make all municipal properties smoke/vape free similar to bylaws created by surrounding communities (see handout for details). Penny's goal for the presentation was to gain the support of the HCN on this initiative. In the future, it was hoped Jeff, the senior municipal law enforcement officer

and Greg Forbes are able to attend and discuss how they are handling the issue in their departments.

**6. PROCEDURAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS:**

There were new procedures to be implemented soon but unsure if it affects the way the HCN operates. At this time, there were no changes occurring.

**7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- a. Single use products: Talk to the county about composting, recycling and the county's intentions for single use products. There are 2 people from the county that may come speak to the HCN. The HCN is hoping a few of our members can go over to the county to discuss what our goals are for their presentation. Peter and Kendra have volunteered to meet with the county. This probably will not take place until November or December 2019.
- b. Bicycle safety report: The report may be done collaboratively to present to council.
- c. Bike Valet: Peter reached out about any liability issues we may have with the bike valet however there has not been a reply at this time. There were two events last month with a bike valet and there was not a lot of usage however the weather was uncooperative at both events. A thank you to Dan and Ron for putting up the promotional material. In the future, it may be necessary to discuss our strategy with the bike valet. Potentially look into rewarding people for riding their bikes to the event.
- d. 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.

**8. CANOE TRIP:**

There are 27 boats registered for the annual canoe trip. The trip will begin at Klondike Park and finish at the Schoonertown bridge. Volunteers were needed to help with sign in. The trip will be the same rate as previous years. This rate is free if you bring your own boat and \$30 to rent a boat. The trip is planned for October 5th, 2019 and a rain date is scheduled for October 6th, 2019.

**9. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO COLLINGWOOD HOSPITAL**

The committee was currently working on a grant for the green prescription program from the Collingwood Hospital. Since the last update, more partners have joined the committee to encompass more of the southern Georgian Bay region. This committee's application is finalized and will be submitted soon. The grant committee has reported there are 2 applications submitted. The goal of this grant is to encourage health care providers to promote a socio-environmental approach in term of treatment. Free spirit tours has dedicated 3 different times for a nature walk as part of the initiative. These walks will be a one-hour gentle walk. A family physician from B.C. has reached out to Peter with a similar imitative and hopes to keep both groups informed on the results of

each program. It was discussed how to involve the Community Wellbeing week, that takes place October 21st, 2019.

#### **10. STATUS OF GOALS FOR 2019**

**Bike Friendly:** The evaluation committee has not gathered to look at our application yet. There is another review in October to allow us to add any updates. There was positive feedback on our application toward maintaining bronze and progressing into Silver. Additions that have been recommended are included in the application for October are: Bike valet at local events, the River Road West bike lane additions, the improvements to Beach area 2 Shore Lane trail. There is a goal to resign the Shore Lane Trail and the Wasaga Dunes Loops with updated signage.

**School travel plan:** There was a recent meeting with Wolsey elementary school. This meeting generated the goal of celebrating international walk to school day taking place October 2nd, 2019. This will be celebrated across the county. A media release will be done soon. There have been discussions with local parents to collect data concerning their challenges about travelling to school. There will be new branding, logos and characters being generated shortly for this program.

**Community garden:** There was no new news at the main garden.

**Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement committee:** no new news.

**Updated the HCN display unit:** Donna offered to revamp the HCN display. She was looking into laminating printouts and requested a budget for this project.

#### **11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Dan McCormack has been nominated and second by Irene. Approved.

#### **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

Sylvia has brought the new T shirts and name Tags.

#### **13. NEXT MEETING: October 17th, 2019, 7PM**

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:25pm by Peter Willmott, second by Irene Bell.