



HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT: Michael LaPorte- Chair
Nathan Wukasch
Peter Willmott
Sylvia Bray
Ruth McArthur
Neal Jankowski
John Ferguson
Susan Luciani
Harry Regu
Colleen Sedgman
Fiona Ryner
Caroline Duffney

REGRETS: Joseph Molinaro
Irene Bell
David Featherstone
Narcis Bejtic
John Fisher

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:01pm**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** – None
3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA** – Two additions to the agenda. A motion to accept agenda by Peter Willmott, seconded by Colleen Sedgman, carried.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: June 15, 2017.** Ruth to send June and July minutes by email to committee members this week.
5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS** : None
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Ploverpalooza/ Friends of Nancy Island
Irene and Peter ran an HCN promotional booth at Ploverpalooza event on June 17th. It was well attended by community members. Peter took photographs of past events and there was a lot of interest in activities. The bike rodeo was cancelled due to poor weather and safety issues. Nathan found Town Trail maps and cycle Simcoe maps for the event and these were distributed.
 - b. Landscape Ontario Donation
Funds have been received for \$500 from Landscape Ontario and these will be put towards the community garden Bernardin workshops. The landscape Ontario logo will need to be present at the workshops.
ACTION: Neal to ensure logo is present at workshop

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. T shirts & Name Tags HCN

Sylvia felt there was a strong presence at the Age Friendly Launch event due to the identification of AFC committee members. All members had a nametag and blue t-shirt on. The nametags and t-shirts were great for marketing the AFC program. Discussed the importance of this opportunity to do the same for the HCN committee events. Peter reminded the committee there is an HCN logo that has been developed and in the past hats and t shirts were used in this same manner. Agreed that we would start using tshirts and nametags moving forward.

ACTION:

Sylvia to get pricing for t-shirts and magnet nametags

b. AFC Seniors Launch Event

Excellent attendance at the AFC launch event on June 22nd. The committee plans on repeating the expo event next year. The MPP was present for the day and spoke at the event along with our consultant David Sheridan, the Mayor and Council members. The goals for the AFC project were posted for attendees.

Next steps for the committee include community/partner outreach regarding the AFC plan. A template presentation has been created and additional opportunities will be taken to inform the community.

The Town website AFC pages will be populated over the next few months with relevant information and services for seniors.

IT lab workshops for seniors are being planned in collaboration with the Youth Center.

A New Horizons Grant for 25K has been submitted with the goal of creating a “Seniors Hub for information with part time staffing”.

c. Canoe Trip

The annual HCN canoe trip planning is underway. This event has been collaborative with Free Spirit Tours and it is limited to 25 boats. There is an educational component to this event. The date has been planned for September 30th. Route will be determined. Rain date is the Sunday October 1st.

ACTIONS:

Peter to contact David and Scott about confirmation of the date

Neal to contact Jenny to confirm the date.

Peter will lead the administration of the event - promotion

d. Official Plan Review

The Town is updating the OP to conform to the Provincial Growth Plan. The plan will support intensification in a smart way. There was a public meeting in June and focus groups have occurred with specific community collaboratives. These groups went well. Discussion papers will be developed and brought back to the community in the fall. The priority is downtown development with a sense of place (public squares, mixed use housing). There will be a hierarchy of nodes for higher density within town along with schooner town, old Mosley village, 45th street, West end roundabout node and Downtown. Also a focus on protection in neighbourhoods with lower density. Other policies will be reviewed within this process.

e. Community Garden

The landscape Ontario cheque has been sent to Parks and Rec office. There is an upcoming Art in the Park event Oct 1st to October 7th. Discussed the potential opportunity to represent HCN in a spot at the event. Interest in promoting HCN at this event.

The garden coordinator Lynn, has received a very large donation of seed packages. These will be delivered to the seed library project at the library for next year. General attendance for the workshops has been low depending on the workshop. The square foot gardening workshop was not well attended and will not be repeated again. The offsite workshops have not received a large response so recommending keeping them in the garden space.

Food donations from the garden to the food bank are occurring and 4 pounds of lettuce was recently donated.

Discussions regarding the cost per garden have been occurring at the Food Champions meeting. Peter has confirmed the unit cost at \$180 per garden.

ACTIONS:

Neal to contact Lynn about an HCN display for the Art in the Park

Neal to contact Lynn and have her put the Art in the Park event on the Town Special Events page

f. Bicycle Valet Update and next steps

Peter informed the group the valet on Canada Day went very well. There were 25 bikes parked during this trial valet. Setup was easy. The town provided fencing, table and chairs and a tent. Security went well and included a name and phone number/50/50 ticket system to the label. Many community members asked about cost and providing donations. The banner was very visible.

There is another opportunity to host a bike valet at the Wasaga under Siege event. This event is on the island August 19th and 20th. The valet could be across the road in the Municipal parking lot. The event is 10-6 on the Saturday and 10-4 on the Sunday. We would require volunteers from the committee to staff the event. Peter will send a request to the Bike Friendly subcommittee. Caroline, Sylvia, Nathan, Neal are available to volunteer. Another opportunity could be posting it on the Town volunteer database. Peter met with Olivia this week and it could be posted to recruit additional volunteers if need be.

ACTIONS:

Peter will follow up with Josh Pallas re: supplies for the event on Aug 19th and 20th

Irene to send bike valet photos to Neal for the HCN website

Michael to send Narcis an email regarding Labor Day Bike Valet

g. Harold Culham Trail

The trail signage is being modified to with a bright backing that is a larger size. The cost will be approximately \$200 and absorbed by the Hiking Club.

Ron Hollowell from the Bike Friendly committee has brought forward the concern about the lack of progress regarding the Harold Culham trail development. He asked Peter to send the concerns to the Provincial Park and an email was sent. John Fisher has responded to the concerns regarding resurfacing in one area of the trail, which would require a proposal sent to Ontario Parks. Alternatively we could put the signage up on the trail, identify the level of skill required in these areas and leave the sandy areas.

The worst part of the trail was going to be assessed by Provincial Parks but this has not been completed due to capacity.

Committee recommends that we just proceed at this point and get the signage up on the trail without the sandy parts of the trail to get it open. Peter will take the issue to the Bike Friendly committee.

ACTIONS:**Peter to connect with Irene and send the written trails map to Nathan for Town mapping**

h. Commuter cycling Grant Program

The Ontario Government has created a grant program. The goal is to assist Municipalities in creating a commuter plan. 42.5 million is available in the fund over four years. It is a cost share with the municipality at 20%.

A cycling plan must be created. The Public Works Department, Economic development officer and Nathan from Planning have wrote a report to council and it was approved. The town will be submitting a letter of interest to apply.

A list of projects to support the commuter cycling plan has been created (road signage, wayfinding sign, bike racks, capital projects included).

The Town has an AT plan and believe the Government will accept this plan as the cycling plan. Part of the project will include collecting data of the cyclists. John informed committee that the speed signs can track bicycles as well as cars. Nathan interested in this information.

Peter willing to track manual bike counts with the Bike Friendly committee.

i. Webpage update

Michael has followed up with Celeste from Tango Graphics regarding the revamping/renovation of the HCN website which was a quote of \$1200.

Sylvia informed the group there are other Town committees who are interested in developing a website. It would be worth exploring options for multiple Town committees.

2. Items for Future Meetings: Community Bike Ride Event

3. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday August 17, 2017

4. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:55pm by Colleen Sedgman seconded by John Ferguson, carried.