



## HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK

### Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, May 17 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Classroom, Town Hall

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**PRESENT:**

- Neal Jankowski - Chair
- Michael LaPorte
- Ruth McArthur (SMDHU) - Secretary
- Colleen Sedgman
- Fiona Ryner
- Nathan Wukasch
- Irene Bell
- Peter Willmott
- Sylvia Bray
- John Ferguson
- Joel Simpson (Chamber of Commerce)
- Mark Russo
- Fred Heyduk (Accessibility Committee)

**REGRETS:**

- Caroline Duffney
- David Featherstone
- Greg Forbes (Ontario Parks)
- Joseph Molinaro

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:03 pm**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None**
3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – One addition to the agenda.** Motion to accept by Michael LaPorte and seconded by Peter Willmott.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the April meeting were circulated and approved through email and will go to coordinated committee next week.
5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS :** None
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Community Garden/ Art on the Fence

Neal has informed Lynn there is an approved Town Community grant for the 2018 project and will require a formal plan. Neal has invited Lynne to a future meeting to discuss the Art on the Fence project. Lynn did do a survey about interest in the project for 2018 and did not receive a lot of interest. The HCN did express interest in participating again in the Art of the Fence. She is aware there is funding for \$3250 from a Town Grant. Lynn is unable to run the art on the fence project at the garden site this season.

**ACTION: Neal to direct Lynn to speak to Chris Roos – Director of Recreation about the existing funding and an art project opportunity if there is interest from Lynn**

Needs assessment was completed for the \$500 donation from Heather Goldsworthy for the garden. Discussion occurred about needs for the garden which include installing bee boxes, a tent for shade, wheelbarrow, and shovels, replace food bank donation sign, label the trees, pergola, consider saving some dollars for future needs, herb containers for outside of the garden fence. Peter has investigated the herb boxes from Lee Valley and they are \$41/pair.

**ACTION: Neal to send an email to Kevin Lalonde, Andy Hume to provide recommendation on how the money could be spent.**

2. Broaden the Harold Culham Trail committee to become a Bike Friendly Sub-committee  
Michael spoke with Foodland regarding food donation for event. They are willing to provide fruit, water and will require a weeks' notice. There will be a sign posted at the event indicating sponsorship. Grandmas Beach Treats will also provide some snacks.
3. Hike for Hospice is May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Sylvia has sent the registration link to committee if interested in joining and it is an 11am start.
4. Shortage of Bike Racks  
Discussed the need to address the shortage of bike racks in Town in a previous meeting. Peter brought up the issue at the Cycle Friendly committee. Nathan spoke to Kevin about more racks and there is a line item of \$10,000 for street furniture in the annual budget. He is planning on purchasing some additional bike racks and they are looking at blue color for beachfront and black in the commercial area. Post/rings which are \$225, there are other ring racks for \$795 and a rack with 10 spaces is \$1195. The priority is for purchase of racks on the beach front at the current time so the budget will focus on this. There is limited capacity for managing a bike rack program for private property right now, but could be looked at for the future. Another future option is consideration of racks as a memorial purchase for residents, along the lines of the current bench and tree program.
5. Guardianship of Trees inquiry  
Michael has contacted the community member by email to determine what interest in trees is and report back to HCN but he has not been able to speak with her. Michael did look into the program and it is a GPS identification of every tree with a QR code which is connected to an individual email. There is a model of this in Melbourne, Australia. Then you could email the tree with any identified issues. The management of the trees is definitely an important issue for Municipalities to determine urban canopy within municipally owned spaces, but would require a lot of work to manage. Michael will continue to connect with her again.  
**ACTION: Michael to contact Kevin Lalonde to determine if the Town has completed a tree inventory**

## 7. STANDING ITEMS

### a. 2018 Committee Goals updates (if not discussed in business arising)

1. Broaden the Harold Culham Trail committee to become a Bike Friendly Sub-committee  
The new signs for the Harold Culham trail have been installed now along with a few warning signs for the sandy trail areas.  
There are a few parts of the trail which are difficult to ride on. Kevin Lalonde is still working through the process of the resurfacing with the Provincial park offices in Peterborough.  
Nathan provided a sample of the new Chamber of Commerce Street and Trail Map which now includes the first section of the Harold Culham Memorial Cycling Trail.

#### *June 16<sup>th</sup> Community Bike Ride 10am-1pm:*

Bike Valet will be set up – final location at the Beach to be determined. Peter is working on volunteers for the tent, chairs to staff the valet from 9-5 and will be a lock it and leave it model. Peter will organize this component with Irene.

Start of the event will have a helmet safety check station by the Health Unit, Bike repair station available, Tickets for participants to be given which can be used for refreshments at the HCN booth (Sylvia, Ruth and Joseph will staff this). The tickets will also be used for prizes for a draw.

There are 14 stop signs along the 12 km ride and there will be volunteers at each area. This is being organized through the Town volunteer database.

The event is being promoted through multiple facebook sites, multiple Town websites, sent to multiple Tourism websites, bulletin boards, electronic boards for the Town. Printed posters will be done by next week. There is an opportunity for some radio advertisements through 97.7 and a community package could be purchased which would include the physical signage for \$300-\$400. Alternatively an interview could be requested with the host to showcase the event.

**Moved by Fred Heyduk that HCN allocate up to \$400 in radio advertisements for the community bike ride event on 97.7 The Beach radio, second by Michael. Defeated**

Nathan has borrowed two Eco-Counters from the County that can be utilized along Shore Lane for the entire month of June to track the number of cyclists.

Nathan has received the purchased 240 bicycle lights, share the road magnets.

**ACTION: Peter to follow up with 97.7 The Beach to request an interview for the Bike Event and follow up with special events staff regarding putting the poster on multiple media venues**

Nathan spoke with Town Event Staff today and there was a question if there was interest in a bike valet on the beach Canada Day event. They will need fencing 21x21, two fences, 10x10 tent, two sandwich boards and signage.

**ACTION: Nathan to inform town staff of requirements for bike valet for a lock and leave**

Bike friendly Designation – there was consensus to consider reapplication to Silver status next year once the new bike lanes were installed and we completed some additional initiatives.

2. 10th Annual Canoe Trip: ideas needed to promote the anniversary  
Discussed connecting this to the Provincial culture days the last weekend of September. Neal willing to review this opportunity.  
Peter will review the last 10 years of attendees to see if there is ongoing commitment to the event  
Consideration to recognize David Featherstone, Scott, Jenny Elmslie for their involvement
3. Community Garden/ Art on the Fence  
Refer to business arising  
Peter received a call from Tiny Township with questions about the garden and a request for more information. He has since put that referral to Darlene Poole at the Rec Dept.
4. Support the Community Food Centre / Food Champions Committee  
We have recently been assisting the Good Food Box with increasing their monthly orders/numbers. Peter recently approached the Town about putting an insert into the tax bill in June to provide information on the GFB program on behalf of the HCN committee.  
The Food Fit program begins June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Plex. Referrals are beginning for the program for Wasaga Beach and Elmvale. There will be CTV filming at the end of the program.  
There will be a nomination going forward for the Wasaga Beach Community Garden for the Charter Champion Awards.  
A project proposal for a community garden and programming has been submitted to the County of Simcoe for the affordable housing unit on Zoo Park Road.
5. Support the Age Friendly Committee  
The senior Expo is well organized and includes four keynote speakers. There are 43 confirmed community partners/exhibitors. At 12:00 there will the Provincial AFC award and Senior of the year will occur with the Mayor, Councillor Bonnie Smith and MPP Jim Wilson in attendance. The Wasaga sun is interested in writing up 8 different article to feature the AFC work. In April the committee listened to a webinar on social isolation and a program was started “Seniors Center without walls”. This phone program now includes 200 people and is an exciting opportunity.  
**ACTION: Ruth to forward digital poster for AFC Expo event to Nathan and Neal**
6. Develop a Communications Strategy to raise awareness of HCN -
7. Wasaga Beach Provincial Park Green Prescription Project Collaboration
8. Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Project Committee

9. Continued development of the Walk Friendly Designation
10. Expand HCN presence at Public Events
11. Advocate for complete streets and improved walkability/cycle safety

Downtown Master plan public meeting May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm which includes the proposed Official Plan amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and urban design guidelines, with a focus on complete streets that are pedestrian/cyclist-friendly.

Open houses are next week Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 2-4, 6-8

Downtown Planning amendments.

[http://www.wasagabeach.com/Document%20Library/20180507\\_Town%20of%20Wasaga%20Beach\\_Downtown%20Notice%20of%20OPA%20ZBLA%20PM.pdf](http://www.wasagabeach.com/Document%20Library/20180507_Town%20of%20Wasaga%20Beach_Downtown%20Notice%20of%20OPA%20ZBLA%20PM.pdf)

All the material can be viewed here: <http://www.wasagabeach.com/Pages/Downtown-in-the-Making.aspx>

**ACTION: Nathan to circulate meeting information to committee**

#### **b. Upcoming Special Events**

International Trails Day: June 2 – now posted on the HCN website, town calendar and bulletin boards.

Heart and Stroke Big Bike: June 6

Waterfront Festival/Community Bike Ride: June 16 & 17

Festival of Heroes: June 23 - cruisers event same weekend.

#### **8. New Business**

- a. Municipal Alcohol Policy

A few months ago we discussed the MAP and the Health Unit made a presentation to Council. We have not heard an update about the MAP revisions.

**ACTION: Ruth to follow up with Health Unit representative regarding status of MAP revisions**

#### **9. Items for Future Meetings:**

10. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday June 21, 2018
11. **Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm by Peter Willmott seconded by Michael LaPorte, carried.**