

Community Development Committee Meeting
Front of Yonge Township Hall

February 21, 2019

In attendance: Council: Richard Marcoux, Marg Fancy
Residents: Laurel Burnham Green, Elaine Covey, Craig Fowler
Guest: Roger Haley

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated, with the addition of hockey rink revenue ideas under New Business.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Craig and seconded by Elaine that the minutes of the January 24, 2019 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Guest: Mayur Vadher, owner of Mallorytown Pharmacy

Richard introduced Mr. Vadher, who said he is very excited to be opening a new pharmacy in the village. He apologized that he has been unable to open on schedule, but there have been lots of delays related to the renovations. He now has to wait for final approval from the College of Pharmacy, and is hoping to open March 26th. Operating under the "Whole Health" banner, he will offer a full service pharmacy with home health care products. He is currently seeking a doctor to offer "Tele-doctoring" in conjunction with a registered nurse on site. Mr. Vadher is willing to offer sponsorships where needed in the community, and volunteer during his off hours.

Terms of Reference

Craig Fowler presented a draft terms of reference. It was moved by Marg and seconded by Elaine that the CDC adopt the new Terms of Reference, as amended. This should be put on the Township's website.

Old Business Updates:

New Business

a) Mallorytown Country Market: Nathan Driver is no longer able to participate in the market, and the owner of Purcell's is reluctant to allow the vendors to locate next to the store. Discussion took place regarding past success and failures, and whether a market can succeed in Mallorytown. Laurel offered to look into the issue further.

b) Festival of Small Halls: Marg reported that the Mallorytown Legion was very receptive to the idea of hosting the festival. She worked with them to fill out the application and it has been sent in. Any funds raised could be split 50/50 with another group, such as the Coach House Committee. They will be contacted about this.

c) Family Sponsored Park Benches: Roger will follow up with staff from Prescott regarding their program.

d) 1000 Islands Parkway Challenge: The kick-off meeting will be March 19th at 11 am at the TLTI Township Office, and all members are invited to attend. This is the fourth year for the event, which is held on National Health and Fitness Day. Richard has applied for a grant to help with any costs.

e) Revitalization Projects: In 2018 Front of Yonge received a provincial grant for community improvement. Richard provided a summary of projects, and their status.

f) 2019 Communications Strategy: Members were asked to review the draft, and provide feedback to Marg. She will send out the one-page summary which she has prepared.

g) Safe Property By-law (spring clean-up): All members were in favour of the spring clean-up to be held again this year, during the month of May. Richard will ge this item on the Council agenda.

At this point, Kurt Liebe from the Lansdowne Country Market arrived to talk about small farmer's markets. He was hoping to work with Nathan to organize a market in Mallorytown this year, but this will no longer be possible. He talked about the challenges of running a successful market, which should have at least 50% farmer/producers as vendors. He now believes more effort should be put into the production of produce, etc, rather than the marketing.

New Business:

a) 2019 Operating Budget:

A copy of the 2018 budget was presented, and some changes were made for the 2019 year. More information is needed regarding the cost of the digital sign, for which RFP's are due March 4th. A decision regarding a market will also have an impact on the budget. More work will need to be done to finalize it.

b) Hockey rink revenue ideas: Ideas such as advertising posters on the boards, and ice rentals were talked about.

Roger reported that the new cidery is ready to go and the owner wants to have a grand opening in May or June.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2019 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: It was moved by Craig that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.