

Community Development Committee Meeting
Front of Yonge Township Hall

January 24, 2019

In attendance: Council: Richard Marcoux,
Residents: Elaine Covey, Jeff Poole, Craig Fowler
Guest: Roger Haley

Election of Officers

It was moved by Jeff and seconded by Craig that Elaine Covey be elected as secretary of the committee. Carried

It was moved by Elaine and seconded by Jeff that Richard be appointed as temporary chairperson. Carried

Craig Fowler has agreed to take over as chairperson, once he becomes more familiar with how the committee works.

Richard asked each member to introduce themselves and give a short summary of their background.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jeff and seconded by Craig that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

Jeff inquired about the status of the digital sign. Richard reminded us that this has been approved by Council. He has prepared an RFP for the sign.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Jeff and seconded by Elaine that the minutes of the September 27, 2018 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Establish Terms of Reference

A sample terms of reference for this committee was circulated to the members. They were asked to review and edit for our next meeting.

New Business

a) Mallorytown Country Market: Richard gave a brief history of the M.C.M. He has been approached by the organizer of the Lansdowne market. He would like to take over the Mallorytown market, working with Nathan Driver, and advertise all three markets together. (This would include the Seeley's Bay market as well.) The members were all in agreement to allowing them to run the market. The new owner of Purcell's Freshmart has agreed to allow the market to re-locate beside the store.

b) Festival of Small Halls: The committee briefly discussed this issue, in particular the need for seating for 150 - 200 people. This would leave the Malloryton Legion as the only local option. Marg Fancy will take the lead on this item.

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

d) 1000 Islands Parkway Challenge: This event was discussed, with a suggestion from Jeff that the direction be changed to start in Rockport and finish in Front of Yonge. He would like the option to paddle a canoe or kayak from Rockport to Brown's Bay Park. This will have to be discussed with LTI Township and St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

e) Revitalization Projects: In 2018 Front of Yonge received a provincial grant for community improvement. Public input was received and a list of projects was approved, of which a few have been completed. Some of the outstanding projects include: fencing between the Mallory Coach House grounds and the Public Works yard, new curb and sidewalks from the Library to the Mallorytown Station, rock garden around the Yonge in Bloom sign on County Rd. 5 south, and sidewalk extension at the intersection of County Rd. 2 and Quabbin Road. Facade improvements for businesses in Mallorytown are also eligible for assistance, with the grant paying 50%, up to a maximum of \$2500.

f) 2019 Communications Strategy: Council is working on a strategy to improve communication with residents beyond the standard type of newsletters which have been sent out in the past.

g) New Pharmacy: The former restaurant has now been leased for use as a pharmacy. There have been some delays in construction, but the owner hopes to have it open in February. It will be a Whole Health Pharmacy, providing access to TeleHealth contact with a Nurse Practitioner.

h) Safe Property By-law (spring clean-up): The Township sets aside one month each spring as community cleanup month. Once again, residents will be allowed to file complaints without signing a complaint form, if they have concerns which fall under the Safe Property By-law. Consistent follow-up will be needed.

Other Business: Richard reviewed the Strategic Plan summary which was provided to all CDC members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 21st at 7 pm.

Adjournment: It was moved by Elaine and seconded by Craig that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.