

In attendance: Council: Richard Marcoux, Jeff Poole
Residents: Elaine Covey, Jon Geertsema, Nathan Driver, Marg Fancy
Guest: Roger Haley

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jeff and seconded by Elaine that the agenda be approved, with the following additions: St. Lawrence Corridor, Economic Development Summit, Farm 911 Project. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Marg and seconded by Jon that the minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Unfinished Business

a) Mallorytown Country Market: Nathan Driver reported that \$385 was collected in vendor fees. The total cost for music in the market was \$730. Only two vendors signed up for the seasonal membership. In spite of contacting all vendors from the previous season, only three came back this season. There were no hot food or baked goods vendors (except for one Sunday), and Nathan hosted a BBQ but took a loss on it. None of the coupons attached to the brochures were redeemed. This year, there were flea markets in Lyn and Kemptville on the same day of the week. A number of vendors went to those locations. Nathan was thanked for all the work he put into the market this year.

Members discussed ideas for next season:

- Reduce the number of dates to two or three: the two socials, and perhaps one more Sunday
- Change the date, since there is not much traffic on Sunday afternoons
- Consider moving the market to beside Purcell's Freshmart, possibly on Saturdays

Richard offered to speak with the new store owner, and see if he would allow this. Elaine suggested the vendors also be invited to attend the Strawberry and Blueberry socials at the Coach House. Jon said that if the CDC wants to have a table at the market, we need to put more work into it. More information on township programs, recreation and sports events should be available.

New Business

a) Festival of Small Halls: Marg Fancy spoke about this event, held over three weekends in September. Folk and Country music artists come to small communities and perform in churches, community halls or other spaces. Grants from government and various foundations pay the concert fees, and the community promotes the event, arranges for any refreshments, and provides meals for the performers. The township can apply for a grant, and allocate the profit to any community group they choose. (ie: School Council,

Firefighters Association, etc.) The committee discussed possible venues in the Mallorytown area, and agreed that this idea should be explored.

b) Family Sponsored Park Benches: Roger talked about a Prescott program where people donate a bench in memory of family members. He agreed to come up with some standard and policies regarding the cost, size, materials, etc. It was suggested that the Township could put the word out, and see if there is interest in this. Three benches were already bought under the revitalization grant.

c) Road of Remembrance Sign: Also under the revitalization grant, \$1000 was earmarked for a new Road of Remembrance sign. The sign estimates exceed this amount. The CDC had put \$1600 in the budget for signs, which will not be spent this year.

It was moved by Elaine and seconded by Marg that the CDC contribute the difference between the actual cost of the sign and the \$1000 from the revitalization grant, not to exceed \$800. Carried.

d) The St. Lawrence Corridor: This group recently met in Lansdowne, with a video message from Steve Clark and a presentation from Chair David Beatty. The Commissioner reported they have 34 active opportunities from companies with capital who are interested in moving here or expanding here. The areas of focus are: Agri-Business, Bio Industrial and Chemical Manufacturing, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, and Advanced Manufacturing.

e) Economic Development Summit: This annual event will be held in North Grenville on November 16th from 9 am until 3 pm. Anyone can register on line, and the cost is \$35.

f) After a fatal farm accident in 2014, where emergency responders could not find the correct farm location, the Farm 911 project was started. The idea is to put 911 signs on each farm entranceway and building, to help first responders find the person in need of help. The CDC recommends that Council look into this idea for Front of Yonge.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 22nd at 7 pm.

Adjournment: It was moved by Jeff and seconded by Jon that we adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.