



HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2019 Town Hall Classroom

PRESENT: Peter Willmott - Chair
Wesley Ferdis – Vice Chair
Nathan Wukasch
Sylvia Bray
Fiona Ryner
Tim North
Vittoria Trainer
Ruth McArthur
Kendra Marr
Donna Cutler
Erika Haney

REGRETS: Courtney O'Neill
Joel Simpson
Irene Bell
Dan McCormack
Andrea McCormack
Greg Forbes
John Ferguson
Kevin Stevenson

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 pm**

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none**

3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA –** An addition to the agenda of HCN t-shirts and name tags, a request from Parks and Facilities regarding an HCN ad in the Fall/Winter Parks and Rec publication.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Nathan Wukasch suggested a change to wording in the minutes from the June meeting regarding the news of Ontario Parks making the Beach Areas one to six, Allenwood and New Wasaga beaches smoke-free under the Smoke Free Ontario Act.

Erica arrived at 7:10, welcome back and introductions.

Approve minutes as amended.

5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

No deputations.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

a. Discussion regarding raising our profile as part of the communication plan. Peter confirmed the town owns the display at the old visitor centre (Oakview Woods) and we are

welcome to use it to advertise HCN initiatives. Fiona added that the new visitor centre at Nancy Island could be another possible space to post information.

b. Discussion regarding School Travel Planning progress. Ruth provided information regarding the funding and the collaboration between organizations and institutions across the county. Ruth and Nathan felt Worsley Public School was the best location to begin the project with based on an existing pilot project plan. A new program needs to be developed. Stayner and Collingwood have similar existing projects. There may be an opportunity for the Environment Network to participate but the details are still being identified. Nathan felt his department would not have the capacity to take on this project alone and this has resulted in HCN being involved. Sylvia is supporting this project as a liaison with the school. Donna and Kendra have agreed to support the project as representatives of HCN. Ruth feels the schools are ready to begin developing a plan. The next steps include the small sub-committee (Ruth, Sylvia, Kendra and Donna) developing an action plan. Ideally the sub-committee will have Public Works attend walk-about. An ethics review has already been done. The sub-committee will meet monthly and is looking for town support regarding engineering. Suggestions from the committee regarding the project included; OPP and By-law support, developing a community map, using low income area maps and airing advertising for the project movie events run by the town.

c. Discussion regarding single-use utensils and plastics. Peter and Kendra presented the report to council and the presentation seemed to go well. The recommendation went through on a consent agenda and was approved. There was a further discussion regarding the movement on plastic-bans in Blue Mountain as well as the federal announcements. It was suggested to go beyond the recommendations and discuss possibly working with the county. Sylvia suggested council motion to move the discussion to the county. Suggestions and comments from the committee included; looking at best practices such as Vancouver's existing strategies on limiting waste, providing an opportunity to discuss what is defined as single-use plastic and creating a presentation to inform town, installing water stations to encourage using reusable water bottles, and running community events to engage a community discussion on how we can further address this issue. The discussion led to further questions and ideas regarding recycling and composting programs. Peter suggested asking the county to join a future meeting to discuss improving strategies and promoting limiting waste.

7. STANDING ITEMS

2019 Committee Goals updates

1. To identify and implement initiatives to make Wasaga Beach a Bicycle Friendly Community. Lead – Peter, as Chair of the Bicycle Friendly Sub Committee.

2. To organize the 11th annual educational canoe trip – Lead -Peter. Action: none at this time.

3. To develop and implement a communication strategy to raise awareness of HCN -
Lead -
Andrea Action – None at this time.

4. To expand HCN presence at public events – Lead – All members

5. To ensure member representation on the following committees/projects: Action – None at this time.

- Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Project
- South Georgian Bay Food Champions
- Green Prescription Project

The group decided to apply for a grant from Collingwood Hospital Foundation. Ruth and Peter are working to strengthen the application and will circulate the application when it is complete.

- Age Friendly Advisory Committee

Age Friendly Expo had 495 in attendance. The expo had good feedback, the food went well and participants felt the information was helpful and connected well.

6. To maintain liaison with Town staff re. current and future community garden projects –

Lead - Peter. Action – None at this time.

Zoopark Rd garden group is meeting to discuss the new garden. Erica is on the Low Income Housing Committee which is part of the planning and she will follow up.

7. To promote Wasaga Beach as a walk friendly community. – Lead – T.B.D. Action: - Not at this time.

8. To explore the potential for making Wasaga Beach a Dark Sky Community – Lead – Tim Tim had a meeting with Kevin Lalonde in Public Works. He provided a document with a developed plan which he felt should also reference the new lighting that will be installed at the site of the new casino. There is the potential to set up a demonstration street on Walley Drive which is in need of repair. Suggestions included addressing lighting on private properties and new builds through the development of a by-law. Tim is working to clarify the language. He will report back on his meeting with the by-law office and provide possible recommendations.

9. To advise Council on current and emerging food security initiatives – Lead – T.B.D. Action - None at this time.

10. To support Ontario Parks in the implementation of its smoke free beaches initiative. Action: none at this time. The group has just been informed Beach 1-6 will be smoke free

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Community Bike Ride. Discussion regarding the Community Bike Ride. The event was not well attended due to the weather. The committee felt the event was advertised well particularly through social media. Some felt the print ads needed to be formatted for print with less detail and colours. Suggestions included; planning a rain date, creating a sign up for the event to ensure riders can be contacted regarding rain dates and provide gifts for the first chosen amount of people to register. There was discussion regarding the submission of the Bike Friendly Community application. Nathan will report back. Nathan mentioned that a winner needed to be chosen from the ballots at the event. Fiona suggested giving a jersey to the five participants.

8.3 T-Shirts and Name Tags. Sylvia is organizing t-shirts and name tags for the committee members. Motion to spend up to \$300 to purchase new t-shirts, name badges and table cloths. All in favour.

8. Date of Next Meeting: July 18th, 2019 7-9pm

9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:49pm by Peter Willmott,