



Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting # 02-12

Date and Time: Tuesday April 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Walkerton Fire Hall – Lower Meeting Room

Attending:

Suzanne Brown

James Lang

Bryn Maus

Mike Murphy

Hailey Murray

Jordan Turcotte

Katrina Wei

Jeremy Wright

Albert Zwart

Absent: Don Moore and Eric McDougall

Business Items:

1. Call to Order

Motion: H. Murray

Seconded: Bryn Maus

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: H. Murray

Seconded: B Maus

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None Disclosed

4. Review and Approval of Old Minutes

Motion: K. Wei

Seconded: H. Murray

5. Business Arising from Old Minutes

5.1 New Build/Renovation Strategy Update

An assessment of the pool and the arena will be conducted on May 21 (Hazmat) and May 22 (building condition assessment and accessibility) and

they will provide a capital replacement on anything over \$5000 expenditure. A draft report will be provided within 30 days for staff review prior to the final report being released to council. The committee will review this once it is provided.

5.2 Review of the Recreation Master Plan (2011)

Deferred to the next meeting. Members are asked to review the Master Plan and identify areas that need to be reviewed (example: Lobies Campground closure in the 2011 Master Plan).

5.3 Dog Park Update

Council added \$5000 to the dog park budget this year, to come to \$10,000 total. A new committee has not been formed at this point. B. Maus is working on recruiting new members for this committee and will report at the next meeting. If anyone has suggestions for land that could be used for the dog park, please bring ideas to the next meeting.

5.4 River Markers

The committee is waiting to see what happens with the Truax Dam removal and how that will affect the river markers.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Projects 2019

M. Murphy reported that the main water line into the arena will be replaced in June, 2019.

1. De-ox/cold water flood system is still in the works and staff is reviewing the system with other facilities currently using the system. Grants are being looked into as well to assist with funding it.
2. Pool – RFP has gone out for the pool tile replacement (around \$70,000) which was approved through budget. This repair will take place in the fall, 2019. Minor repairs (costing approximately \$2000 - \$3000) will be done before the pool opens in the spring.
3. Soccer fields - \$70,000 has been budgeted for the repair of the fields and drainage. This is based on repairing one field per year.
4. Arena Road project/Re-construction of the road and Optimist playground. The Walkerton and District Optimist Club is fully engaged in putting a new and fully accessible playground at the arena. There was preliminary drawing done that shows moving the road and putting the new playground and green space to the west of the arena building. Council has approved the initial amount to fund this project. Half of the project is going to be funded by eh waste water and sewer budget because of their use of the road to access the back buildings/facilities.

5. New Development (west of Westwood) – Green Space. It was discussed at council and it was decided that the playground in Westwood is large enough and the developers would donate funds to parkland instead and can be used to enhance the current Westwood playground.
6. Lobies Park Boat Launch- unfortunately the grants that were applied for were not successful but council has put \$10,000 in reserves for this project at a later date. We will continue to source grant funding.

7. New Business

7.1 Review of Tree and Trail Minutes – Sub Committee

Albert reviewed the minutes for the Tree and Trail sub committees. Albert commended all the volunteers, groups and the Walkerton Rotary Club who have been involved with these committees over that years. Without their help, these projects would not be possible. J. Wright is going to connect with some arborists that he knows and maybe they can assist with the worked needing to be done.

Barb Nixon will be doing a presentation to the Walkerton Rotary club in May as part of our advertising program.

7.2 Truax Dam Removal

Committee members reviewed a provided diagram and report that was presented. This report will be presented again on April 9th.

The removal of the dam is going to take place in August and/or September. This process could take 5 – 6 weeks to complete. They will be closing a portion of trail during this time, ranging from the Tim Hortons to the behind the Fire hall.

7.3 New Condos being built

J. Lang made the committee aware of a new build that will be constructed behind Dairy Queen. There will be 12 units built in total. Heritage Seniors is constructing these buildings. The committee would like to review parkland in this area at a future date.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday May 7th, 2019

9. Adjournment at 8:26 p.m.

Motion: B. Maus

Seconded: J. Turcotte



Brockton Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday March 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Walkerton Community Centre

Attendance: Mike Murphy, Eric McDougall, Suzanne Brown, Barb Nixon, John Strader, Jo Anne Harbinson, James Lang, Albert Zwart

Business Items:

1. Call to Order

Albert opened the meeting and introduced the committee and welcomed new members Mike Murphy and James Lang. It was also mentioned of the sad passing of Cecil Schnurr.

Albert presented his chairman remarks as a summary of the past and present events of the committee and its volunteers as seen in Appendix A.

Jo Anne reminded the committee that that Silver Creek project was also a project that the committee worked on.

Motion: Barb Nixon

Seconded: Eric McDougall

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Barb Nixon

Seconded: John Strader

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

NONE

4. Review and Approval of Old Minutes

Motion: Eric McDougall

Seconded: Barb Nixon

5. Business Arising from Old Minutes

Road Allowance – The committee would like to see the horticulturist oversee the process of the tree program i.e.: Stake the locations, educate the new owners with information, etc.

John Strader spoke about allowing people to plant the new trees. There have been issues with where people want to plant. In the new road plan for the Brant central sub division, John has the trees being planted on the property line. In case of an issue, the expense will be a shared expense with the Municipality and the property owner.

6. Financial Update

- 6.1 Unsuccessful at obtaining balance at present; CFO to provide in the upcoming week
- 6.2 Shade Tree Program - Albert approached Municipality CFO earlier this week but because of a yearend audit taking place, the finance department was preoccupied. Mike Murphy will work on pulling this information and review the GI budget. Mike will pass this info onto the committee. John Strader also remind the committee that he has a GL section in roads for the Shade tree project.

7. New Business

7.1 TD 150 – New Location Lobies Park

Albert would like to see more promotion of the event highlighting the collaboration of TD, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and The Municipality of Brockton and staff.

7.2 Review of the Tree Policy

The tree program was started over 30 years ago. Albert presented a document that was produced in 1999 and reviewed in 2006. Albert would like to update this Policy and members are asked to review the current and past policy and send any comments or updates to Barb and Albert by email.

Albert would also like the sub division document added to the package being sent out for review.

John spoke about some of the trees on Walkerton Main Street needing to be replaces. Some trees have become too large and many complaints have been coming in. Pruning has been done but the store owners are not happy with the trees blocking store signage. Council would like the large trees removed and new smaller trees put in. The cost of this will exceed \$600 per tree plus the removal of the current tree. John believes that there will be 3 trees to be replaced this year. Crab apples trees may be a replacement option.

Tim-Br Mart Building centre has trees on its corner that need to be removed because of the obstruction of view on the corner. John is stating that 2 will have to be removed at the intersection for safety.

7.3 Tree Presentation

Barb presented her Rotary report on the Walkerton Tree program. She spoke about past and present tree projects in Walkerton.

7.4 Mike Murphy mentioned the road re-construction at the Walkerton Community Centre; currently awaiting a concept drawing and getting approval by council to proceed. The committee will need to review where they will be planting trees in this area in the future.

8. Next Meeting

TBA

9. Adjournment

Motion: Barb Nixon

Seconded: John Strader

Appendix A

Tree Committee

Chairman's Remarks:

30+ years of the tree committee in Brockton and I have had the pleasure of working with four Recreation Directors and many landscaping gardeners, with the last 12 being very fortunate to have Barb Nixon.

The first recreation Director was Bernie Range and we focussed on planting, maintaining and pruning trees on Municipal properties and public lands (tree Policy E04-99-03, effective January 1, 1999).

The planting operation was coordinated between the Parks and Roads departments. We have had the public participate in some of our planting initiatives. For example: 2000 trees were planted in 2000 and we had over 100 people help with the spring planting including 10 crews with crew leaders.

Our latest volunteer base, or planting with assistance is with the T.D. Bank. We had over 50 volunteers planting several hundred trees at the new Walkerton Soccer fields.

Over the past 30 + years, our planning project involved: Lobies Park, the Municipal Cemetery, Centennial Park and Westwood Park. Special assistance went to the Rotary Park, the Heritage Water Garden, The Cenotaph, Victoria Jubilee Hall, Memory Lane, Catherine Street Parking lots, local High Schools, The Rotary River Trail, River Bend Park and a mentioned earlier, the new soccer fields.

We have raised funds under the heading, "Brockton Community Shade Tree Program" and the results are posted at the entrance of the municipal office.

After planting the trees, we do follow up including pruning and shaping them for at least 10 years.

We have also participated in Communities in Bloom projects and we work productively with our Conservation Authority.

Your Committee of Council, exists of the following:

- Albert Zwart, Chair since the beginning
- 1 Municipal Councillor
- Brockton Parks and Recreation Manager
- Brockton Works Superintendent
- Lead Hand Parks and Recreation
- Brockton Municipal Landscape Gardener
- 2 Brockton Community Members
 - 1 being your Chair Person
 - Cecil Schnurr – Passed away this year

We do have minutes produced and approved each year, however with our focus on the actual execution of our plan, the paperwork never left our offices, which is the reason I felt it had to write this summary of our activities which should be in Councillors hands shortly after our meeting on March, 2019.

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Chairman Tree Committee



Brockton Trail Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #

Date and Time: March 28, 2019 at 9:45 a.m.

Location: Walkerton Community Center

Attendance: Mike Murphy, Eric McDougall, Suzanne Brown, Barb Nixon, Jo-Anne Harbinson, James Lang, Albert Zwart

Business Items:

1. Call to Order

Albert Zwart opened and welcomed Jo-Anne Harbinson from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority to the committee. Albert and Jo Anne have been working together on projects for many years. Albert gave a summary history of the trail system as seen in Appendix A

Motion: Barb Nixon

Seconded: Eric McDougall

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Barb Nixon

Seconded: James Lang

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Review and Approval of Old Minutes

Motion: Barb Nixon

Seconded: Eric McDougall

5. Business Arising from Old Minutes

5.1 Bend Park Trail relocation – Status update

- Barb relocated the trail
Barb created a power point presentation that will be taken to Rotary in the future regarding this.

5.2 Turn Table – Status update

- Albert informed the committee that Rotary had already been working in this area. Trees had fallen during the winter and the Rotary club cleaned it up.

5.3 Catherine/Peter Street Trail – Status Update

- Jo Anne Harbinson proposed a new trail in the Catherine/Peter St area but the grant funding was not granted. It was suggested that the Municipality try for the grant and may be more successful. It would currently have to be funded by the municipality.
- The culverts need to be replaced because the current “patch” is not going to last. John Strader should be consulted on this issue. Jo Anne will be sending Eric the current inspection and it will be reviewed.

5.4 Walkerton Truax Dam

James Lang informed the committee that the dam project will be going to council in the near future and will hopefully be done this year. There is a section of the trail system that will have to be closed during this time. It will likely be done in September –October. Signage will be done to make the public aware of the alternative trail system being used during this time.

5.5 New Housing Development in Walkerton

James noted that there will be some new Sr. homes being built along the trail system (by the community gardens and Dairy Queen. The plans are online and can be reviewed. This project is going to be started hopefully this year.

6. **New Business**

6.1 Trail Presentation – Barb Nixon

Barb presented her Rotary report on the Walkerton trail system. She spoke about past and present trail projects in Walkerton.

6.2 Passing for Cecil Schnurr

Albert suggested that a bench be donated in honour of the late Cecil Schnurr. Albert is going to review this at a later date.

7. **Next Meeting**

TBA

8. **Adjournment**

Motion: Barb Nixon

Seconded: Eric McDougall

Appendix A

Rotary River Trail

Chairman's Remarks:

The Saugeen River Rotary trail was 30 years in the making. I guided the trail initiative through council, with significant support from Gerry and Ingrid Gerlafsma and the encouragement from councillor and Rotarian Owen King. Council support was unanimous.

Some members have worked on our committee for over 25 years, including Mac Bolton and Dave Pybus. The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority was also a part of the committee as it was a requirement for the project to go ahead since a lot of the trail is on Authority easement. The other major property owner is the town of Brockton who supplied a town councillor on the Committee.

The Walkerton Rotary club has provided significant financial support including:

- First year \$10,000
- Year 2: \$5000
- \$4000 Annually

The labour content to get the trail built was significant. The Rotary crew was significantly younger than our current commitment. The Rotarians also used mostly all their own equipment and tools for this project.

The Trail Committee is presently made of:

- 1 town councillor
- 1 representative for Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
- Brockton Recreation Manager
- Brockton Municipal Landscape/Gardener
- 2 Rotarians

During the early stages of development, a busier time, more town people and Rotarians were involved and the horticultural Society had representation. Expansion of the trail is always considered and expected, including the Railway turntable is an example and the beginnings of a small arboretum is in place. Signage and expansions are hampered by the reassignment of the gardener to more ice time, part of the problem we have had to deal with. Minutes of the trail Meetings are available. The minutes have been kept and approved each year however, with our focus on the actual execution of our plan, the paperwork never left our office, which is the reason I felt obliged to write this summary of our activities. I will be passing this onto municipal counselors shortly after our meeting in March 2019.

Albert Zwart

Chairman

Saugeen River Rotary Trail