

# Community Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Location: Best Western Plus Walkerton

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## Voting Members

Brian Folmer – Chairman	Present
Chris Oberle – Councillor	Present
Racheal Bye – BIA	Present
Wayne Poechman – Optimist Club	Present
Kim Schaab – Kinsmen/Kinettes	Present
Paul Kueneman – Rotary Club	Absent
Eric McDougall – Recreation Department	Present
Paulette Peirol – Community Development Coordinator/Sec	Present

## Non-Voting Members

Bonnie Petro	Absent
Others Present	

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## Call to Order

### 1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Moved by C. Oberle, Seconded by W. Poechman to accept the agenda as presented.

Carried.

### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

### 4. Approval of Minutes

The December 2018 minutes were tabled.

### 5. Business Arising from Minutes

None

## 6. New Business

### 6.1 CIC Budget

The 2019 proposed budget for CIC was approved by Council with no changes. The chairman thanked Councillor Oberle and Brockton staff for lobbying on behalf of the group.

### 6.2 Spruce the Bruce Funding Program

B Folmer said we submitted 11 applications this year, which will be considered April 9<sup>th</sup>.

He said the process is getting more competitive, and more work (for example, combining applications and providing additional information). The County has received 34 applications already this year.

R. Bye wanted the contribution of the BIA, and Alicia Oberle in particular, who submitted 5 grant applications on behalf of the committee, acknowledged.

B Folmer cautioned that the banner project may not be approved. The canoe and pavilion applications were rolled into one, as was the Optimist Park and arena sign application.

The group discussed the downtown banners; R. Bye said they are in bad repair with 10 poles needing . C. Oberle said Brockton will pay to install the winter lights but not the summer banners. He said if there was an issue with the poles, a request could be sent to Council for one-time funding to assist.

E. McDougall discussed the Lobies Park Boat Launch, saying the project will cost about \$22,000, with \$10,000 available in reserves. The engineering is already paid for. C. Oberle said additional money might be available from recent transfers from the provincial and federal governments to Brockton.

B Folmer would like to add to next CIC agenda naming of the Pavilion Park.

### **Spruce the Bruce Project Responsibilities**

- Optimist Park/Arena Sign: W. Poechman, E McDougall and B. Folmer
- Coming Events Sign: BIA
- Storefront Signage: BIA and Brockton CDC. Bruce County is assisting with the design aspects.
- Canoe Sculpture & Pavilion: K. Schaab and B. Folmer. Parkette will be cleared of "MADD bench," and coming events sign, which will be moved further east up the hill.
- Community Garden Project: Rachael
- Boat launch: E. McDougall, C. Oberle
- Sidewalk Projects: P. Peirol and B. Folmer

### **6.3 CIC Membership**

With the dissolution of the Brockton Fisheries Committee, CIC members discussed adding a representative from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. It was also noted that R. Bye is resigning from the BIA but wishes to remain on the committee as a member of the public. The group approved this.

K. Schaab moved, W. Poechman seconded the motion to recommend to Council the addition of a Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority member to the Community Improvement Committee.

Carried

## **7. Service Club Updates**

### **7.1 Optimist Club**

The Optimists have raised \$15,000 towards the new Optimist Park and are grateful for the support of Brockton Council. The fundraising goal is \$85,000, and B. Folmer is hopeful other clubs will also participate. He showed the committee the revised park design and discussed phase 2, which is lighting.

Two coming events: Easter event, Sacred Heart, April 13, and the Dirt Pig tournament, which will raise money towards the park sign.

### **7.2 Fisheries**

B. Folmer said he would follow up with E. McDougall regarding the "missing" fish station to be installed.

### **7.3 Walkerton BIA**

R. Bye is resigning and a new manager will be hired. A new board has been elected with some new faces:

Randy Saunders, Jessie Bates, Kristen Bowman, Anita Gathercole and Kym Hutcheson.

The former Scotty's property has been purchased by Rory Chapell, who removed the painted mural from the side of the building. The BIA assisted and is storing the mural in its shed, along with the lights and wood. It is working with the Heritage Committee to find a new home for it. The mural was a project of the Image Committee, a forerunner of the CIC.

The BIA will be hosting its Spring Fling April 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7.4 Kinsmen and Kinettes

K. Schaab said it's the last year for the Dinner on Durham event, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The club is hosting an event for Cystic Fibrosis on May 4<sup>th</sup> and its annual Fairytale Feast in Cargill at the end of October.

#### 7.5 Rotary Club

Hosting a Tribute to Elvis June 13 and car tour July 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7.6 Council Update

C. Oberle briefed the committee on the 2019 budget passed by council, with a 2.4% tax increase and special levy of \$100 for each household for roads infrastructure. He said he would bring to the County the committee's desire to see a crosswalk near the Old Garage Pizza. A new Director of Operations has been hired, and a new subdivision approved west of the Westwood subdivision.

#### 7.7 Community Development Coordinator Update

P. Peirol told the committee about the new Saugeen Student Start-Up Program (SSUP) to help students run their own businesses this summer. It will be self-funded, and the organizers (Saugeen Economic Development Commission and Saugeen Connects member municipalities) are looking for donors. C. Oberle suggested that the SSUP program be presented to the Economic Development Committee for possible funding. B. Folmer said lawn maintenance is in demand and would be a good fit for students.

8,. Next Meeting: - Thursday May 2

#### 9. Adjournment

9.1 Motion to adjourn, made by W. Poechman, seconded by R. Bye.

Carried