

Community Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Location: Best Western Plus

Voting Members

Brian Folmer – Chairman	Present
Chris Oberle – Councilor	Present
Susan Wright – EDC	Absent
Racheal Bye – BIA	Present
Wayne Poechman – Optimist Club	Present
Ken Chandler – Fisheries Task Force	Absent
Kim Schaab – Kinsmen/Kinettes	Absent
Paul Kueneman – Rotary Club	Absent
Eric McDougall – Recreation Department	Absent
Paulette Peirol – Community Development Coordinator/Sec.	Present

Non-Voting Members

Bonnie Petro	Absent
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Others Present

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by B. Folmer at 6:45 pm, noting that no quorum was present.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None

4. Approval of August Minutes

No minutes approved. October minutes to be presented at next meeting.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None

6. New Business

6.1 Landscaping Contract

P. Peirol told the committee that Brockton CAO Sonya Watson had followed up with the contractor and that he promised to glue the stones near the BIA office as per the contract, and reduced his bill for the work to \$2,104.06.

Discussion about contract details and availability of stone from Shouldice in Owen Sound. Annual maintenance costs for municipality are \$3,000. Discussion about how future contracts are presented and awarded in future, including progress reports and the option to terminate if the work is not considered satisfactory.

6.2 Projects & Budget for 2019

B. Folmer provided draft budgets for the committee, including the Main Street Revitalization Grant, which will be formally presented at the next meeting.

C. Oberle noted council's budget deliberations will be later this year, in January 2019.

There was discussion about downtown murals and signage grants, whether Spruce the Bruce funding (up to \$5000) might be available. Possibly consider one large signage grant that would incorporate Coming Events signage, Optimist Park signs, historic murals and other projects.

Greenspace downtown: B. Folmer would like to see the Municipality establish a reserve fund for downtown washrooms and green space, approximately \$10,000. C. Oberle said he felt the BR&E report recommendations support this and that he'd like to see the matter considered by Council.

Prospective properties were discussed; some committee members feel the Municipality should invest in land for this, as it does with the business park.

Saugeen Valley Conservation:

C. Oberle reported a successful summer at Cargill with the Visitor Centre and swamp tours, and a consideration to expand the CIP to include Cargill so they would be eligible for funding from Bruce County. He said they might approach the CIC for assistance.

R. Bye said the CIC could assist them with fundraising (possibly a street dance?) rebranding and mentoring, or perhaps form a subcommittee.

B. Folmer said he would be concerned if an expanded CIP area would mean a reduction in the Community Improvement Committee's budget.

A draft budget will be considered for the next CIC meeting.

6.3 Committee Membership Forms

C. Oberle said the incoming Mayor has requested committee members interested in continuing to serve on committees to send a written submission to the Municipality by Nov. 9, 2018.

B. Folmer said the CIC is a great investment by council, considering how much gets done and how much money is leveraged.

7. Project Updates

7.1 Christmas Lights

P. Peirol reported that delivery of the new Christmas lights has been delayed; they are on a container from China and will not arrive in time for the BIA's downtown Christmas event. They were ordered June 6, 2018, with delivery expected by mid-October. The supplier will expedite delivery to Walkerton once the lights arrive in Canada.

P. Peirol received an extension on the Spruce the Bruce funding report for the Christmas lights project.

R. Bye expressed disappointment, saying she would have acted earlier if she had known that the lights were delayed. She was under the impression at the last meeting that they were already here. She asked the Municipality to prepare a public statement explaining the delay.

R. Bye noted that the street banners would be installed next week, and that there would be an additional cost to install the Christmas lights separately. The CDC was asked to approach the Economic Development Committee for help in covering this cost, and if they were unable to, to then ask Council.

C. Oberle said the committee should request funding for new street banners and the installation of Christmas lights in next year's budget.

7.2 Fishing Rest Stations

B. Folmer said this project is complete, with a final report filed with Spruce the Bruce. More benches will be installed in future, for a total of six. He noted many volunteer hours were involved. The group could contact RTO7 (Regional Tourism Organization 7) to help promote this new amenity.

7.3 Optimist Park

B. Folmer filed a final report with Spruce the Bruce for funding. He said the playground was approved by Council, and that drainage needs to be improved there.

He noted and that the Municipality can offer charitable receipts for donors.

The improvements will make the park more visible and accessible.

7.4 Water Tower

C. Oberle noted the base coat has been completed, signage will be added when the weather improves. Bruce County has granted us an extension in completing this for the Spruce the Bruce grant program.

8. Service Club Updates

8.1 Fisheries Task Force

None

8.2 Kinsmen and Kinettes

None

8.3 Walkerton BIA

R. Bye reminded the committee of the BIA's upcoming Shopper's Night Nov. 15th.

8.4 Optimist Club

W. Poechman updated the committee about the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts fundraising day Nov. 22, 2018 and the Holiday House Tour on Nov 16th and 17th, as well as Breakfast with Santa at the Walkerton Arena.

8.5 Rotary Club

None

8.6 Horticultural Society

None

8.7 Council Update

C. Oberle updated the committee on the following actions by Council: BR&E Report approved; Committees reviewed; Optimist Park bylaw approved. He said the CIP expansion is being worked on with Bruce County but will take some time. A proposal to lease the former Armoury has been put on hold until January to allow the Heritage Committee to bring their own proposal to Council.

8.8 Community Development Coordinator

P. Peirol noted approval by Council of the BR&E Report, which will be posted on the Brockton web site.

9. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm