



Community Improvement Committee

Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2019

Brockton Municipal Office, 6:30 pm

Voting Members

Brian Folmer – Chairman	Present
Chris Oberle – Councillor	Present
Alishia Oberle – Walkerton BIA	Present
Wayne Poechman – Optimist Club	Present
Kim Schaab – Kinsmen/Kinettes	Absent
Bonnie Park – Rotary Club	Absent
Paul Kueneman – Rotary Club	Present
Racheal Bye – Public member	Present
Shannon Wood – Saugeen Valley CA	Absent

Non-Voting Members

Eric McDougall – Brockton Recreation Department	Present
Paulette Peirol – Community Development Coordinator/Sec.	Present

Others Present

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by R. Bye, Seconded by A. Oberle

To accept the Agenda of the Sept. 11th Brockton Community Improvement Committee meeting as posted.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None

4. Approval of June 11, 2019 Minutes

Moved by C. Oberle, Seconded by B Folmer

To accept the Minutes of the June 11, 2019 Brockton Community Improvement Committee meeting as presented.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Alternate BIA representative

Moved by B. Folmer, Seconded by R. Bye

To approve the appointment of Walkerton BIA Board Member Ashley Colman as an alternate BIA representative on the Brockton Community Improvement Committee.

CARRIED

6. New Business – Spruce the Bruce Updates

6.1 Walkerton Storefront Project – Alishia Oberle

A. Oberle showed the committee the design for the storefront posters. One member thought it looked more like a sign, another was not in favour of the water droplet graphic. Committee decided to take the word “Bruce County” off the Walkerton logo. A. Oberle will revise and send to the County for approval.

6.2 Coming Events Signage - Alishia Oberle

New sign design passed around. Location pinpointed across from condos. Chris said we should check location with Bruce County roads department and get a locate done before installing.

Action: P. Peirol will contact Bruce County and confirm with Cox signs re: locates.

6.3 Sidewalks Project – Paulette Peirol

C. Oberle said Council approved this project with a lot of reservations, as it is so much over budget. The tender came in for \$216,713 which is approximately \$160,000 over budget. He said the tender was high because the Municipality couldn't do the work itself due to the complexity of the project. Staff told Council the cost was higher

because of the coloured concrete. Council wrestled with whether to delay the project cancel it, or proceed.

Under the AMO grant regulations, the work must be completed by March 2020. A delay would jeopardize the \$46,000 grant.

C. Oberle said Council felt project had to go ahead because of liability concerns regarding the poor condition of the brickwork at the intersections.

B. Folmer and R. Bye told the CIC that they had met with Municipal staff at the outset and were told that the work could be done by the Municipality, and that colouring the concrete would not add greatly to the cost.

B. Folmer and P. Kueneman said they felt the initial \$60,000 estimate was too light.

C. Oberle said fortunately, Council will not be incurring debt from the project, as the bridge work came in far under budget.

A. Oberle asked Brockton staff to investigate Brinks trucks parking on the sidewalk, which could hurt the Walkerton stone plates that will be installed.

Action: P. Peirol will follow up regarding the Brinks trucks and report back to the committee.

6.4 Lobies Park Boat Launch – Eric McDougall

E. McDougall is coordinating with Joanne at SVCA regarding the boat launch. They are looking at using cable concrete which won't shift as much. Locates have been ordered.

The project was initially a collaboration between Brockton Public Works and the SVCA but will now likely be the SVCA. The estimated cost is \$25,000. If it goes over, we can hold off on the project. C. Oberle said Council is concerned about the cost and any delay.

6.5 Optimist Park – Wayne Poechman, Eric McDougall, Brian Folmer, Racheal Bye

B. Folmer said the grading needs to be adjusted to accommodate wheelchairs. The engineer is aware of the problem.

Fundraising is going well and the community is very supportive, with over \$85,000 raised to date.

Labour and equipment are being donated for the pavilion. B. Folmer says only materials are needed.

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser is planned for Sept. 16th and a ham and scalloped potato dinner for October 5th.

Ken Freiburger is doing the water droplet sculpture, which will be painted by Randy Weber of CSR, who assures us this one won't rust.

R. Bye said the project doesn't qualify for a large Trillium grant, but that she is applying for a smaller one on behalf of the Optimist Club.

W. Poechman said he hoping to raise \$25,000 for a wheelchair swing for 2020, which could be a tourist attraction.

6.6 Pavilion Furniture – Eric McDougall

This project is completed, and possibly under budget. B. Folmer asked if we could move money left over in the Pavilion project budget to the Canoe project budget, if necessary. This would require a motion from the CIC. The Committee will review the entire Spruce the Bruce budget and spending at its next meeting in October.

6.7 Pavilion Canoe Sculpture – Alishia Oberle, Paulette Peirol

The canoe is almost complete and just awaiting the logo from Cox signs. E. McDougall will arrange to have it placed on site on Monday, Sept. 23rd with a public "launch" on Tuesday, Sept 24th at 11 a.m.

Action: P. Peirol will send launch invites to CIC, Council, the media and Bruce County.

R. Bye said a more public celebration the following weekend would also be great, including pizza, face painting and family activities. She and A. Oberle will organize and invite local schools or children's groups.

7. Member Updates

7.1 Saugeen Conservation Authority & Cargill Projects

B. Folmer and P. Peirol updated the committee about the successful summer in Cargill, with over \$10,000 in sales at Margaret's Mercantile and tours almost sold out. A food vendor there would be great.

7.2 Kinsmen and Kinettes

B. Folmer said the Kinettes have committed \$10,000 to the Optimist Park.

7.3 Walkerton BIA

Oberle said their Digital Main Street person will start the end of September to help Walkerton businesses. Training will be available in Neustadt. She also updated the group about upcoming downtown events, including Shopper's Night, Shop Walkerton & Win, and storefront decorating kits.

7.4 Optimist Club

Poechman said the club partnered with the Legion and Kinsmen to share the Catch the Ace proceeds. They have a Halloween event planned for October 26, House Tours Nov. 22 and 23rd and a spaghetti night Oct. 16th.

7.5 Rotary Club

P. Kueneman said the Walkerton Rotary is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, with only one repeat president over the years. They had a very successful car show in August and are looking to replace the bridge in Cunningham Park as a future project.

A. Oberle asked if the Rotary Club is planning to host an all-candidates meeting the federal election. Paul will ask Rotary Club.

7.6 Council Update

C. Oberle said the rural roads study has been done and he is not happy with report. It used MTO guidelines and was not done at the right time of the year. The engineer says that can be adjusted.

Bridge 11 is being removed at Greenock, and a tender issued.

Crosswalk at Tim Horton's: Bruce County said it would do a pupil count in the fall but C. Oberle wants a traffic study. He says some Council members do not want to slow traffic there.

He is waiting to hear back from the County.

R. Bye asked if a citizen's petition might help advance the issue.

Truax Dam is almost done. Council approved to do another piece of work for \$20,000 since the contractors are already on site.

He said Council is still working to resolve the issue of students smoking near the Walkerton school.

7.7 Summer Banners

A. Oberle told the committee it cost \$870.50 to remove the defective downtown banners.

Moved by C. Oberle, Seconded by R. Bye

That the \$870.50 bill for the banner work be covered through the Community Improvement Committee budget.

CARRIED

C. Oberle asked about the Winter lights, and whether EDC is covering the cost of putting them up. P. Peirol said it was.

7.8 Historic Mural

The Municipality is looking at putting the mural up on the Arena wall facing the Optimist park. A. Oberle said there is already a donor willing to cover the cost of installation (approx.. \$400 to \$500). She said the mural on the Valve Train factory also needs a new UV coating.

Moved by R. Bye, Seconded by W. Poechman

That the Community Improvement Committee cover the cost of a new UV coating for the Valve Train mural, providing it is under \$200.

CARRIED

8. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brockton Municipal Office

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.