



Community Improvement Committee

Meeting Minutes - October 7, 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	Present
Bonne Park – Rotary Club	Present
Paul Kueneman – Rotary Club	Absent
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
2. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by C. Oberle, Seconded by W. Poechman

To accept the Agenda of the October 7, 2019 Brockton Community

Improvement Committee meeting as posted.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

C. Oberle and A. Oberle declared a conflict of interest regarding payment of an invoice for refreshments at the Canoe Launch event that was paid by them personally. They abstained from voting on the matter.

4. Approval of September 11, 2019 Minutes

Noted that the Kinettes made a donation of \$10,000.

Moved by W. Poechman, Seconded by K. Schaab

To approve the draft September 11, 2019 Minutes of the Community Improvement Committee as amended.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Update on Action Items – Paulette Peirol

Brinks Trucks: Brinks has been notified about the issue but we are still awaiting confirmation that they will stop driving on the sidewalks when serving the local banks. P. Peirol will again follow up with them.

Locates for Coming Events Sign: P. Peirol visited the proposed new site with a representative of Cox Signs. There was a discussion about ensuring a clear view for traffic turning left on to Durham Street, and how well the sign would be viewed by cars driving down the hill. A. Oberle and S. Watson also viewed the proposed site, and several CIC members were consulted. In the end it was decided that the additional \$1000 that would be spent on creating a new base for the sign at this location wasn't worth the cost, considering the existing location near the pavilion seemed adequate.

Media Invitations to the Sept. 26 Canoe Launch event were sent out to all local media.

5.2 Canoe Launch Event – Alishia Oberle

The Sept. 26 public launch was successful, despite rainy weather. About 8-10 people attended, along with the media. The Oberles spent \$74.31 on food for the event. They will abstain from voting on payment of the food bill.

5.3 Resignation of Rachael Bye from CIC

Brian Folmer confirmed this was due to family and work commitments

CARRIED

6. New Business – Spruce the Bruce Updates

6.1 Walkerton Storefront Project – Alishia Oberle, Paulette Peirol

The project is underway, with three locations identified. Final poster design soon to be confirmed. A. Oberle assured the committee that the project would come within budget (under \$5,000).

6.2 Coming Events Signage – Alishia Oberle, Paulette Peirol

Cox Signs is aiming to complete and install the three signs by the end of October. The sign near the Pavilion will be replaced, but not moved to a new location.

Moved by B. Folmer, Seconded by C. Oberle

To approve spending \$4,482 on the Coming Events signage, as per the written estimate from Cox Signs.

CARRIED

6.3 Sidewalks Project – Paulette Peirol

This project is on target and work has begun. Owen King Construction, the contractor, will be giving affected businesses a heads up as the work

proceeds west along Durham Street. B. Folmer said this is not a CIC project so there is no need to pass a motion regarding bill payments.

6.4 Lobies Park Boat Launch – Eric McDougall

Cedarwell is working on this project and expected to be done by the end of October. Work will begin after Thanksgiving weekend. Our share will be \$2,500.

Moved by C. Oberle, Seconded by B. Folmer

To approve CIC spending of \$2,500 on the Lobies Park Boat Launch construction.

CARRIED

6.5 Optimist Park Sculpture – Wayne Poechman, Eric McDougall, Brian Folmer

The project is proceeding well and kids are already wanting to play at the park. However, the grading still needs to be corrected for the area to be fully accessible. The 10-foot high water drop sculpture by Freiburger Welding is complete and looking great! It will soon be painted and installed, after locates are done. Three-dimensional lettering is also being made by Freiburger. The Optimists are working on having some of the material and labour donated.

6.6 Canoe Sculpture – Alisha Oberle, Paulette Peirol

Lots of positive comments have been received on this project.

The sculpture was vandalized the day after the public launch and police were notified; fortunately, the vandalized pieces were retrieved and Freiburger Welding was able to repair them. The repairs cost \$300.

K. Schaab said the sculpture has elevated opinions on the pavilion as a whole.

One person noted that the sculpture is not fully accessible from the parking lot at the Beer Store. Members said this should be corrected. Ecoraster might be good to use to create a path to the canoe.

The committee discussed the vandalism at the canoe and whether additional lighting, and/or security cameras would be a good idea. The CIC will discuss this at its next meeting during budget deliberations. It was noted that Council approval would be needed for surveillance equipment to be installed, as well as a public meeting, and that such equipment is often expensive.

Moved by K. Schaab, Seconded by W. Poechman

That the committee approve payment of \$6,900 to Freiburger Welding & Machine Shop Ltd. for construction of the canoe sculpture, plus \$300 for the repairs.

CARRIED

There was discussion about the plants downtown, and B. Folmer said complaints have been received by himself and the BIA regarding the poor condition of the hanging baskets. He suggested they could be Walkerton colours next year, blue and light green, and grown in greenhouses over the winter.

7. Budget Discussion

B. Folmer raised questions about the budget figures provided by staff, saying the "CIC Budget" line should reflect Brockton's share of each project, rather than the total amount approved by Council for each project.

The 2019 budget for Brockton's CIC is appended to these minutes for reference. The committee chairman reviewed the spending, or intended spending by CIC for each project, including the following:

Banner Repairs	\$ 874.50
Canoe	\$2,000.00

Pavilion Furniture	\$1,750.00
Optimist Park	\$2,500.00

Coming Events Sign	\$2,790.00
Pavilion Landscaping	\$ 200.00
Boat Launch	\$2,500.00
Storefront Marketing	\$2,500.00
Mural UV coating	\$300
Fish painting & reeds	\$1,500.00 from maintenance budget. Note this figure is an estimate

B. Folmer said there is approximately \$2,665 left in the CIC budget for 2019. He proposed using that money to pay the overage on the canoe project and repairs to the canoe. (approx. \$2,100).

Moved by B. Folmer, Seconded by B. Park

That CIC cover the \$74.31 spent by the Oberles on refreshments for the Canoe Launch event Sept. 26, 2019.

CARRIED, with C. Oberle and A. Oberle abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.

8. Member Updates

8.1 Saugeen Conservation Authority & Cargill Projects

P. Peirol said a report is going to Council regarding the summer activities in Cargill, with CIC member Shannon Wood to present. It will be recommended that Brockton apply for a grant for assistance in co-ordinating next year's activities and devising a sustainability plan. K. Schaab suggested axe throwing might be a welcome activity next year, as well as food trucks.

8.2 Kinsmen and Kinettes – Kim Schaab

The Kinette fairy tale feast is sold out. Grey Bruce Escape Rooms will be at the Little Royal Fair Oct 19th. The Kinsmen have done a small fundraisers for the Mackies.

8.3 Walkerton BIA – Alishia Oberle

Digital Main St. is up and running and the BIA held a successful launch. Free digital workshops are coming up and businesses are encouraged to sign up. The BIA is participating in a promotion with the local library and also a Thanksgiving campaign. Shopper's night is coming up Nov. 14th and the BIA is preparing for Black Friday and Christmas events as well. Its AGM will be held in November. Throwback Thursday promotions on social media continue to be very popular.

8.4 Optimist Club – Wayne Poechman

The Optimists are holding a Halloween Bash Oct. 26, house tours Nov. 22 & 23, and Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 7. It partnered with the Kinsmen and Legion for Catch the Ace. Trillium Mutual Insurance has donated \$2,500 to the Optimist Park

8.5 Walkerton Rotary Club - Bonne Park

The club celebrated its 80th anniversary! It's doing the food booth at the Little Royal Winter Fair and is getting ready for the Midwestern Music Festival.

8.6 Council Update – Chris Oberle

Council approved the donation of land in the business park to build a hospice. The child care centre expansion has been approved, which will create 39 new spots and two new classrooms. Work is to begin in the Spring. The soccer fields are being worked on and the sidewalk project is due to be completed by the end of October, 2019.

8.7 Community Development Coordinator – Paulette Peirol

Brockton and partners in Saugeen Connects received an Award of Excellence in Community Economic Development at the Community Futures Ontario AGM in September. Group projects include actions to improve labour force diversion and retention, youth entrepreneurship, and attracting newcomers to our region.

Motion by C. Oberle, Seconded by B. Folmer

That outstanding invoices from CIC projects be sent to the next Brockton Council meeting for approval.

CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, Nov. 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brockton Municipal Office

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to adjourn