



## Walkerton 2020 Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes, January 27, 2020

Brockton Municipal Office, 3:00 pm

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### Members

Mayor Chris Peabody – Chairman	Present
Councillor Kym Hutcheon	Present
Alishia Oberle – Walkerton BIA	Present
Corinne Louthier, Katherine Campbell – WCWC	Present
Jonathan Zettel	Present
Eric Coleman	Present
Phil Englishman	Present
Brian Nogler	Present

### Staff

Sonya Watson – Chief Administrative Officer	Present
Paulette Peirol – Community Development Coordinator	Present
Fiona Hamilton – Clerk	Present

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Peabody called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### 2. Acceptance of Agenda

### 3. Introductions

4. Mayor Peabody invited all the members to introduce themselves and briefly summarize their experiences and interest in serving on the Committee.
5. Overview of Walkerton 2020 Project and Research Findings

Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator provided an overview of the project. Ms. Peirol also summarized some of the existing media coverage relating to Walkerton and emphasized that the event is an opportunity to commemorate the past and highlight the resilience of the community in a positive manner.

6. Event Date and Location

The Committee discussed possible dates and agreed that the event should be held on a weekend to be accessible for residents. There was some discussion about whether the event should be held on a weekday to leverage the opportunity to inform the media about Walkerton's transformation. However, most Committee members felt that the media would attend the event regardless of the day of the week. The Committee decided that Saturday, May 9, 2020 would be best to avoid conflicting with Mother's day, and that the event would align with the Kelly Reid Saugeen River Clean-Up scheduled for the same date.

Motion: Moved by Philip Englishman      Seconded by Eric Coleman

That the event commemorating Walkerton water crisis be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

Carried.

The Committee then discussed possible locations for the event and decided that the event should be held at the Walkerton Heritage Water Garden to allow for the maximum number of people to attend and because of the history of the dedication of that location, with a reception

lunch to follow. The Committee also discussed holding tours of Walkerton Clean Water as part of the commemoration.

Motion:      Moved by Alishia Oberle              Seconded by Kym Hutcheon

That the Commemoration Event be held at 10:30 at the Walkerton Heritage Water Garden with a reception and tours of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre to follow.

Carried.

## 7. Expectations and Outcomes

Chair Mayor Peabody asked each person to contribute their expectations for the event and the desired outcome. Some members of the Committee felt it was important to focus on the resilience of the community and the way that community members came together throughout the crisis, while other committee members felt that the event should not be celebration as many community members were still suffering from adverse health effects. The Committee also discussed highlighting the positive achievements of the community since the water crisis by emphasizing the role of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre in ensuring clean drinking water throughout Ontario.

8. Commemoration/Legacy Project

Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator, informed the Committee about some of the ideas that had been circulated to in addition to the event, such as the water themed art show at the Walkerton Library and a brief video featuring Mayor Peabody as spokesperson. Ms. Peirol mentioned the possibility of commissioning a sculpture or art piece, the design of which could be unveiled at the event, as well as a scholarship fund for a student entering a clean drinking water related field of study. The Committee expressed support for both a commemorative art piece that could be displayed in downtown Walkerton and a scholarship.

**Action: Fiona Hamilton, Clerk, would research and bring forward information related to establishing a scholarship. Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator, would bring forward information about a potential art piece.**

The Committee then discussed the contributions of the various service clubs in helping residents throughout the water crisis, and how best to invite Walkerton's active service clubs to participate in the event.

**Action: Brian Nogler, on behalf of the Walkerton's Kinsmen Club, would reach out to various local service clubs, including the Walkerton Legion, to request that the clubs host the reception lunch following the event on May 9, 2020.**

9. Next Meeting: Monday – March 10, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Philip Englishman      Seconded by Jonathan Zettel

That the Walkerton 2020 Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Carried.