



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills**  
**Community & Economic Development**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**March 25, 2021**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**E-participation**

Committee Present: Deputy Mayor Minnille (left at 9:00am)  
Scott McLellan  
Ron MacMeekin  
Greg Smith  
Dawn McGeachy

Regrets: Councillor Guerard, Councillor Ferguson, Mary Rozenberg

Staff Present: Tiffany MacLaren, Community Economic & Cultural Coordinator  
Bonnie Ostrom  
Dawn McDonald

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Scott McLellan, called the meeting to order at 8:02 am

**B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Noreen Young

**Seconded by** Greg Smith

**THAT** the March 25, 2021 CEDC agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by** Greg Smith

**Seconded by** Dawn McGeachy

**THAT** the minutes dated February 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1 Municipal Film Policy**

Discussion of film policy, some items were clarified. It was suggested to reword the 50% cancellation fee section to add more clarity.

It was suggested that we look at other possible opportunities within in the film industry such as; promotion of venues and create our own film house.

**F.2 Pakenham River Trail Working Group**

Working Group Chair Doris Rankin provided an updated list of activities to date as information to the C&EDC committee. The Working Group will continue to follow their mandate to advance, define, promote and fundraise for the creation and installation of river trail loop in the Village of Pakenham.

Currently there is no C&EDC liaison on the working group. At this point Councillor Ferguson and The Community& Economic Development Committee Coordinator are currently working with the group.

**F.3 Riverwalk Working Group Update**

The Riverwalk Working Group sent notes from their March 16, 2021 meeting as an update. The millworkers staircase components were delivered on Friday March 12, installation began this week.

Depending on Covid-19 restrictions the group would like to have a "grand opening" of the staircase perhaps in August 2021. The working group continues to work on interpretive and directional signage, planning the Mill Worker's Walk and the Carleton St Walk to the MVTM and the donor recognition plaque. Further meetings will discuss benches, trees and landscaping.

#### **F.4 Beautification Working Group Update**

The Beautification Working Group updates were submitted as information. The group plans on meeting in April to discuss 2021 projects.

There is still an issue with finding members for the working group from each hamlet within Mississippi Mills. Currently most members are from Almonte, but they are always looking for volunteers to help with projects.

It was suggested that the working group also work with both Almonte and Pakenham Horticultural Society to help with projects and possible collaboration on some if possible.

**THAT** the C&EDC Committee accept all reports (F2, F3 & F4) as information as presented.

**Moved by** Ron MacMeekin

**Seconded by** Greg Smith

**CARRIED**

#### **G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

##### **G.1 Lanark County Update - Valley Heartland Business Retention and Expansion**

Deputy Mayor Minnille confirmed that Lanark County has approved funds for economic development for each community. Further details should be received in early April. The County is currently working on the economic development web portal to support local businesses, municipalities and growth strategies.

**Moved by** Ron MacMeekin

**Seconded by** Greg Smith

**THAT** the C&EDC Committee accept the Lanark County Update- Valley Heartland Business Retention and Expansion as presented

**CARRIED**

#### **H. ROUND TABLE**

##### **H.1 Industrial Park**

The expansion of the next phase in the Industrial Park will begin this spring, with the contract being awarded to Thomas Cavanagh Construction. With the installation of the new road there will be an additional 10 lots available for sale. Council has increased the list of approved businesses that could locate in the Industrial Park. The Real

Estate Tender has been awarded to The Mills Realty Group and is awaiting Councils approval at the April 6 meeting.

## **H.2 Public Dock**

It was confirmed that there is a public dock at 300 Spring St in Riverfront Estates. Residents have started A Go-Fund-Me account to obtain funds for repairs and installation of a more permanent dock. The dock is for canoe and kayaks only. It was suggested that proper signage be installed.

## **H.3 Almonte Fair Facebook Public Auction**

April 12, 2021 the Almonte Fair Board will have a Facebook Public Auction. To make a donation to the cause please email [nalsauctions@almontefair.ca](mailto:nalsauctions@almontefair.ca), call Terry at 613-858-8309 or see details on the Almonte Fair website: [almontefair.ca](http://almontefair.ca).

## **H.4 Mill Run Park**

The Committee of the Whole has approved the Mill Run Park Project tenders successful bidder. Final approval on the Council agenda on April 6, 2021. The 5 acres park should start construction this spring with the majority of funds coming from development charges. Mill Run residents will be excited to see the progress of pathways, green space, benches and trees.

## **H.5 OPA22 - Official Plan Amendment (Almonte)**

The next OP22 meeting will take place today at 10:00am via zoom. The municipal website has a list of frequently asked questions- OP22 under Public Engagement for residents to review.

## **H.6 Business Breakfast**

The Ottawa Board of Trade are holding virtual Mayors breakfasts. Greg Smith attended a recent meeting with presentation from a guest speaker, break out groups for networking where the host manages the overall meeting and the breakout groups. It was suggested that we reach out to our typical participants to ask if they are interested in something like this. The Community, Economic & Cultural Coordinator will reach out to the Ottawa Board of Trade for more information.

## **H.7 Summer Students**

The Community, Economic & Cultural Coordinator confirmed that three of the Beautification summer students will be returning from last year.

The Information summer student position will have to be reposted. We are unsure if any community festival or events will take place again this summer so the focus will be staycations, tourist information, cleaning washrooms according to Covid-19 guidelines.

We currently plan on opening the public washrooms at the Almonte Old Town Hall beginning on the Easter long weekend.

#### **H.8 Valley Heartland**

Valley Heartland had a video session entitled Leadership Reinvention during difficult times with special guest Arlene Dickinson. Arlene Dickinson is CEO of Venture Communications and a star of Dragon's Den. It was suggested that committee members inquire if a video was available as the session was very interesting and useful.

#### **I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2021 @ 8:00 am

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Greg Smith

**Seconded by** Noreen Young

**THAT** the March 25, 2021 Community and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:15 am.

**CARRIED**

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Bonnie Ostrom,

Recording Secretary