



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

June 17, 2021
8:00 a.m.
E-participation

Committee Present: Deputy Mayor Minnille
Councillor Guerard
Scott McLellan
Noreen Young
Mary Rozenberg
Ron MacMeekin
Greg Smith
Dawn McGeachy

Regrets: Councillor Ferguson

Staff Present: Tiffany MacLaren, Community Economic & Cultural Coordinator
Bonnie Ostrom, Recording Secretary

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Scott McLellan called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the C&EDC June 17,2021 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Mary Rozenberg

Seconded by Dawn McGeachy

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THAT the C&EDC minutes from May 20,2021 be accepted as presented.

Moved by Greg Smith

Seconded by Mary Rozenberg

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

F. REPORTS

F.1 Beautification Working Group Update

The Beautification work group staff report was given as an update.

Some concerns were noted on the gypsy moth infestation in the area. Some local experts have said the more mature trees will likely come back later this summer, but new/smaller trees may not be strong enough to survive. The Community Economic and Cultural Coordinator promote educational information on managing the gypsy moths.

F.2 Riverwalk Working Group- minutes

The final finishes to the Riverwalk Staircase project are still underway: the stone dust path has been extended, some directional signs have been installed, work on the Bank St. sidewalk is being done, and the interpretive bilingual signs are being completed with Branji Metal Works making the sign posts.

The working group is looking at the official unveiling of the project sometime in August according to Covid-19 restriction.

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

G.1 Business Breakfast- Verbal update and discussion

To date there have been 37 people who have registered for the Thursday, June 24th (7:30am) business breakfast. Discussion on the agenda for the breakfast included: the number per breakout group, committee members to host each of the breakout groups, brief introductions and scheduling

times for business announcements, ending with updates from Mayor Lowry.

The guest speaker has been chosen but has yet to confirm. Focus topics of discussion will revolve around the guest speakers' topic.

Suggested local restaurants for ordering breakfast was given and will be referred to those registered.

H. ROUND TABLE

H1. Business Park

It was confirmed that those interested in any of the business park lots must follow the criteria given by Council. There are 10 lots available for sale, the real estate company is working on finalizing the MLS listings. A public announcement will be sent out once ready.

The committee members were hopeful that Council would consider a potential builder who would build to suit or build for rental spaces as there currently are no spaces available. With the change in potentially how the new work force will look, having potential meeting spaces or workspaces available for rent might be a profitable investment for a builder.

H2. Film Policy

The Community Economic and Cultural Coordinator confirmed the Film Policy initially went to COW on June 1 but had the incorrect fee schedule attached. Councillor Dalgity suggested adding a note that production companies could present a donation to the municipality. The Film Policy and the correct fee schedule will be at COW on August 10 then forwarded to Council August 24.

Currently there is a movie filming in town and the film policy guidelines have been used when dealing with the company. It was suggested that any feedback given from movie companies should be revisited annually in order to amend the policy as required.

H3. ATV's on the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail

Depute Mayor Minnelli confirmed the sizes of ATV's allowed on the OVRT are 50" and 60". There are currently 70 gates along the OVRT that are set at 63" to accommodate the largest of the ATV's. The County is currently looking at trail safety and sound barriers in residential areas.

It was confirmed that the OPP do set up random checks for licenses and insurance of motorized vehicles on the trail. Reports are given to Council on a monthly basis.

A committee member presented a picture of a car on the OVRT in Almonte. The Community Economic and Cultural Coordinator is to send the picture onto Kurt Greaves at Lanark County suggesting an additional gate be placed at the Main St entrance to the trail.

H4. Mill of Kintail

It was noted that the Provincial government recently announce the mandate for conservation areas will be restricted and not include museums, parking lots or trails. It was confirmed that both Mayor Lowry and Councillor Holmes are on a museum group looking at options to managing the museum collection at the Mill of Kintail.

The committee expressed concern and acknowledged that the Mill of Kintail is a positive economic asset for Mississippi Mills. It was suggested that committee members reach out to their councillors to express their concerns and suggest Council look for options to keep the site as is. Possibly collaborating with Lanark County and the Madawaska Land Trust to help maintain the property.

H5. Miscellaneous

- It was suggested that the Cultural Economic and Cultural Coordinator follow up on the \$5000.00 grant from Lanark County Economic Development. Currently the C&EDC promotional budget cost are down due to the lack of festivals/events during Covid-19.
- A shout out was given to the Mississippi Mills Libraries for the great programs and activities they are doing for the community.
- The Almonte Fair board will be holding a drive thru BBQ Chicken dinner on Friday July 9, 2021. See almontefair.ca for more information.
- It was confirmed that businesses/employers can purchase rapid testing kits from local pharmacies and through the Carleton Place Chamber. It was suggested to make a public service announcement at the business breakfast on this topic.
- There will be no Canada Day celebrations in Mississippi Mills on July 1st. It was confirmed that all surrounding municipalities will not be issuing permits

for fireworks or holding any kind of celebrations. An official announcement will be made shortly.

- Deputy Mayor Minnelli will update the Lanark County Economic Development plans at the next meeting in August.
- Mary Rozenberg confirmed there were 4 in attendance at the 72 hour personal preparedness workshop. They are looking at doing another one next year in partnership with the library.
- It was noted that 28 Mill Street is for sale by the Municipality. (once the ORPC office building)

I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is Thursday August 19,2021 at 8:00am.

L. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the June 17,2021 C&EDC meeting be adjourned.

Moved by Dawn McGeachy

Seconded by Mary Rozenberg

CARRIED

Bonnie Ostrom, Recording
Secretary