

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) Meeting October 5, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Councillors Dale Wedgwood, Nancy Jones-Scissons, Darlene Walsh; and Georges Bilodeau and Jock Pirrie

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Tonelli

REGRETS: Councillor Leo Persia and Mark Graves

AGENDA REVIEW

Items added as requested: Dale asked to add "You Are Here" sign proposal under Business Arising from Minutes/Unfinished Business; and Nancy asked to add to New Business discussion for a catfish derby idea. On a query from Georges, Debbie advised that she had not yet had opportunity to speak with the new owners of land southeast of the Dean Lake Bridge.

MINUTES

Moved by: N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by: G. Bilodeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the August 3, 2017 Meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

GUESTS

None.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Upgrades Discussion with Councillor Armstrong:

Guest Councillor Armstrong spoke to the Parks Plan. The upgrade to the parking area at Roe Park was recognized. Jane spoke to the desire to upgrade the existing boat launches (i.e. install a cement pad at Bright Lake similar to the one at Little Basswood); remove rocks at Roe Park in order to be able to cut the grass; and install gazebos at all Parks. She foresees a gazebo similar to the one at Little Rapids to be installed at Roe Park with 12'x12' gazebos at the remaining parks that do not currently have one. Georges spoke to the desire to put in docks at the public boat launches. Debbie will inquire with Harry about plans to complete the rock hog work yet this year and ask Harry to provide his opinion on what needs to be done at Roe Park.

Moved by: N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by: K. Lepp

BE IT RESOLVED THAT EDAC requests permission from Council to investigate the purchase of interlocking cement walls from Inverta Corporation to act as a

mooring station and the purchase of cement pads, for the existing Bright Lake Boat Launch. CARRIED.

Councillor Armstrong departed Council Chambers following the Parks deliberation.

MTO meeting re: Sidewalk Beautification Concept:

Dale explained that the purpose of the request for meeting with MTO is to make them aware of the concept and get them thinking about storm sewer work required.

Debbie to inquire with Christopher Marsh regarding his availability on either of the following two dates: Thursday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m.; or Friday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Matt Seabrook meeting re: Grain Storage:

Debbie reported that Mr. Seabrook has emailed her to advise that he will endeavor to attend one of our meetings in November or December.

Nancy – shipping fees for All Canada Show:

Nancy reported that the ground shipping fees for four business days by FedEx to Chicago is \$54.85 for one 25 lb. box. She advised that 25 lbs. equates to a box of 500 brochures. Darlene declared a conflict of interest respecting the Bruce Mines Chamber of Commerce request (see below for New Business Item), as she is a member of the Chamber.

“You are Here” Sign Proposal:

Dale will speak with Mark Pinkse of Laird Signs about the concept of a “You are Here” sign to be located at Tally Ho Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Well Drilling Quotes:

Debbie provided information respecting the three quotes obtained for well drilling at the proposed Industrial site property. The Committee suggested she contact people having drilled wells in the area to inquire as to the depth of their wells and if within 250 feet, to proceed with the lowest quote.

Draft Letter to Businesses re: need for Trade Show Items:

The Committee provided some amendments to the letter to go to the businesses.

Lake Huron North Channel Cycling Route “You are Here” Map:

Debbie will contact Laird Signs about the need to update the information on the map prior to print.

Ken noted the comments he has been receiving from cyclists who have followed the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, in that, they have expected to see water and are very disappointed. Debbie will pass this information on to the Waterfront Regeneration Trust but, did note that individuals are able to go online to see

where the trail goes and would know from the map that this section is not on water.

Bruce Mines and District Chamber of Commerce – request to distribute its brochures at the upcoming Trade Shows:

At the meeting, Nancy obtained the FedEx ground shipping fees to Toronto, being \$40.00 for a 25 lb. box, for a 3 business day delivery.

Moved by: K. Lepp

Seconded by: G. Bilodeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT EDAC recommends to Council that any organizations located outside the boundaries Huron Shores wishing to have their brochures distributed at trade shows from the Huron Shores Booth be invoiced \$100.00 for set-up and administration fees plus shipping fees. CARRIED.

Catfish Derby Concept:

Nancy reported that Sault College studies have found that the open season on bass fishing in Little Basswood has caused a decrease in the population and that there is an overabundance of catfish. Nancy pitched the concept of a catfish derby to the Committee, perhaps in partnership with APH, Sault College, and local restaurants, to incorporate an education piece on boat washing and have fish-fry food booths set up. She advised that Sault College agreed that a catfish cull would be a good idea. Dale recommended that a sub-committee be struck at the next meeting to pursue the idea. If we proceed, a hand-out could be prepared for distribution at the trade shows. On a query from Ken, Nancy advised that there are currently no fishing derbies on Little Basswood. Dale will speak with Mark Pinkse to inquire if the Iron Bridge Nighthawks Snow Machine Club would be interested in running such a derby this coming summer.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: G. Bilodeau

Seconded by: K. Lepp

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee does adjourn at 8:46 p.m. CARRIED.

Chair

Recording Secretary