

**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP**  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Tanya Henry (CTH), Mayor Doug Malanka (MDM), Laurie King (LK), Matthijs van der Veen (McdV), Michele Andrews (MA), Mark Primeau (MP)

**REGRETS**

Jonas Cole, Bill Spencer, Michelle Nel

**1. Call to Order**

Councillor Tanya Henry called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda Approved

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes approved for the November 25, 2021 meeting.

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

**5. Other Business**

**5.1 Yearly Event Calendar:**

Ideas:

- Goal: create a calendar of yearly events (seen from a community development perspective) to look ahead, choose and schedule events throughout the year. Examples are point 5 and 7 on today's agenda, as well as the 'Green shirt day' initiative suggested by MDM. TH will get in touch with initiator Ethan Bos and bring this to council to see if the idea gets supported and adopted by the Township. For events where people attend on a specific location, was suggested to look at the option to organize these at different locations in the Township. Idea behind the suggestion is to make people come out of the smaller communities and visit other parts of the Township.

Action Points from Last Meeting:

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Decided:

- MvdV will extend the event calendar TH brought to the meeting and send it to all members along with the minutes. Everybody is asked to have a look at it and come with suggestions to add events and

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think about things we can do and start planning, to be discussed next meeting.

- Farmer's & Craft Market (F&CM) 2021 came to discussion. Intention is to organize this year's first edition Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Question was now that Rec. halls are still closed to the public: 'can we organize the F&CM indoors at the MERC hall? MDM gave his ok.

### 5.2 Volunteer Appreciation

Ideas:

- Volunteer of the month?
- 2021 Ontario Volunteer Service Award and June Callwood Outstanding Award for Volunteerism?
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Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Volunteers are not always easy to find. Many initiatives strand by the lack of volunteers or can't be organized as hoped for due to this reason. Therefor MvdV brought 2021 Ontario Volunteer Service Award to the agenda and asked for other idea and/or possible initiatives that can be organized to honor those valuable volunteers who contribute to our community.
- Other suggestions made:
  - 'spotlighting' volunteers, but without a competition element because each voluntary contribution is valuable. Volunteer of the month on Facebook/Website was suggested.
  - organizing a volunteer appreciation event. Get all volunteers together at a location and show that they are appreciated. LK mentioned how that was done in the past at the Snowmobile club, including finger food, buffet style dinner and certificates for volunteers.

Decided:

- MvdV will get in touch with the recreation committees in the Township to see if they are interested in nominating volunteers for the 2021 OVSA. Next to that the information will be published on the Township's website and Facebook page.
- Other idea as volunteer of the month, are forwarded to next meeting to overthink possibilities and maybe come to new idea.

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## 5.3 Mental Health

### Ideas:

- Brought to the agenda to discuss what committee members know about how Covid effects people's wellbeing and if we as CDC and /or Township can do or support anything to have a positive effect in people's lives. The Committee was informed about the tiny house program as an example of increasing 'quality of life' by the results of the program.

### Action Points from Last Meeting:

- We concluded that we can roughly divide people in two groups. Group 1 → people that need some encouragement or pretty much manage themselves. MvdV post 'weekend challenge' on Township Facebook page to bring recreational activities to people's attention. Connecting activities to a specific location in/around the Township and if possible, to the Lending Library and/or other program(s).
- Group 2 → people that need professional help. MDM suggested to reach out the Health Unit and connect to our assigned nurse to speak about what they suggest and can do. Also, how we as a Township can support and inform people to who or which organization they can reach out if they seek for help, or maybe what signals people should be aware of in case people are in need of help but can't find their own way.

### Decided:

- We all think about what can be interesting as encouragement for Group 1. To be continued next meeting.
- MvdV contacts the Health Unit.

## 5.4 Pitch In Day - April 24 - Adopt a Road Program

### Ideas:

- As a yearly returning event, this is brought to the committee by CTH to get things started and see if everybody is supporting this initiative.

### Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Everybody supports this as a good example of a community driven event. Because most participants can join in their own living area/road, Covid regulation should be relatively easy to follow.
- If we can and want to do a lunch in corporation with the Grenville Fish & Game club, needs further examination.
- CTH reached out to Mr. Mackey and Mr. Dinsmore to ask if they want to be involved in organizing Pitch-in day again this year. She

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didn't get in touch with Mr. Dinsmore, and Mr. Mackey is no longer available unless there wont be a replacement. CTH mentioned that Mr. Visser stepped forward and will fill in Mr. Mackey's role.

- Can we get free bags and gloves from the Provincial Pitch-in organization(?), or local businesses.

Decided:

- Pitch-in Day 2021 will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- CTH will contact the Grenville Fish & Game club, inform Public Work to ask them to order a container to put next to the Maynard Rec. Hall to dump all garbage.
- MvdV will have Pitch-In Day mentioned in the 'Quarterly' that is going out along with the tax bills.

### **5.5 Maitland Tower - DoorNumberOne.org**

Ideas:

- MA was asked to give us an update on Maitland Tower and the new not-for-profit social enterprise 'DoorNumberOne.org' that was founded recently.

Action Points from Last Meeting:

- MA gave us an inside of the interesting developments until so far, and the ambitious plans for the (near) future. How to grow roots in and connect with the local community, support local foodbank(s), schools, and many other organizations and individuals.

Decided:

- MvdV will make an appointment with MA to speak more detailed about their initiatives and how to better connect and work together.
- Staff mentioned that they will reach out to the vendors to ask them to help as well, since it is in their own interest to have the market going.

### **6. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 2:00pm**

### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.