

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

PRESENT

Councillor Tanya Henry, Mayor Doug Malanka, Laurie King, Matthijs van der Veen, Michele Andrews, Mark Primeau, Jonas Cole, Bill Spencer

REGRETS

Michelle Nel

1. Call to Order

Councillor Tanya Henry called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes approved for the February 17, 2021 meeting.

4. Disclosure of Interest

5. Other Business

5.1 Yearly Event Calendar:

Ideas:

The adjustments made to the calendar were approved by the members and some suggestions were made:

- Harvest Fest at Maitland Tower Site
- Green Shirt Day - will be brought to the next Council meeting to receive support from Council.

Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Updating agenda - done

Decided:

- Fall festival @ Maitland Tower site - September 18th
- Christmas light fest combine with food and/or toy drive - not scheduled
- The question: which events can unify our community of communities? Stays on the agenda.

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5.2 Volunteer Appreciation

Ideas:

- Use social media to give positive attention to a special event which has been organized by one or more volunteers. This instead of spot lighting one person, with the risk of not giving the attention to all that volunteered.

Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Reach out to volunteer committees to inform about the program. Done, but no interest to participate.
- Publish on Township Facebook. Done March 16, 2021

Decided:

- Staff will take the initiative of organizing the spotlighting of volunteer driven 'community events'.

5.3 Mental Health: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Ideas:

- The Committee was informed about the initiative to organize this on a County level because municipalities on their own do not have the capacity to deal with a challenge of this scale. No action required now.
- 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:

- Contact with Health Unit, Facebook post drafted in corporation with the Health Unit to inform residents of the Township about available help options for different target groups. Posted March 18
- Contacted volunteercenter.ca, 2 Facebook posts drafted. The first for 'tax return program' (posted March 2 and again March 30) and the second for 'financial workshop program' (posted March 9).

Decided:

- Facebook post Health Unit information + volunteercentre, financial workshops, repost regularly.
- No new actions.

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

Ideas:

- Bags to collect garbage are delivered at the Township office.
- Grenville Fish & Game Club are participating organizing the lunch (depends on COVID - colour zone if this will take place).

- Participants are asked to register themselves through Matthijs or Councillor Henry.

Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Grenville Fish & Game Club confirmed their participation.
- Announcement made through the Augusta Quarterly, Facebook post will follow.

Decided:

- Reach out to Moose FM/Brandon Piper to ask for an announcement on the radio.

5.5 Safe Cycling - OPP

Ideas:

- The initiative was explained to the committee.
 - Safe cycling explained to kids by OPP officers
 - Cycle repair man - safety check kids' bikes + minor repair
 - Cooperation with the Fire department?
 - Bike decoration + police guided tour through the community?

- A Committee member shared his concern about the safety of cyclists on County Road 2. He suggested to have paved shoulders to give the cyclist more and safer space to cycle on this road. The question 'if this was possible', was answered by MDM. He gave a historical inside of efforts that were made over the years to get this improvement accomplished. Township supports the idea and would like to see this happening. Where in the past the County (responsible for this road) was not in favor, they now look more willing. But we should not expect anything until the next round of major maintenance/road upgrade.

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5.6 Pollination Program

Ideas:

- The program was explained to the Committee
- Suggestion made to participate at the Maitland Tower site.
- Staff will connect Michele Andrews with CWF.
- Committee members asked for other locations or ideas on how to partner with CWF on the pollination program

5.7 Farmer's & Craft Market

Ideas:

- Committee members asked for support to run the market. Staff can't be there each Saturday and extra help is needed to run it properly.
- 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.

5.8 Questions/Ideas?

Ideas:

- Staff brought the 'Arrival of the inevitable' webinar to the attention of the committee members
- Decided: staff to forward information per email, members can register and join if they are interested.

6. **Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 2:00pm**

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.