

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Tanya Henry, Matthijs van der Veen, Michele Andrews, Mark Primeau, Bill Spencer, Bryan Brown

REGRETS

Mayor Doug Malanka, Laurie King, Jonas Cole

1. Call to Order

Councillor Tanya Henry called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes approved for the March 17, 2021 meeting.

4. Disclosure of Interest

5. Other Business

5.1 Yearly Event Calendar:

Ideas:

- No new initiatives were mentioned to add to the calendar

Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Updating agenda - done

Decided:

- The question: which events can unify our community of communities? **Stays on the agenda.**

5.2 Volunteer Appreciation

Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Staff will take the initiative of organizing the spotlighting of volunteer driven 'community events'; Followed up by staff → planning:
 - 18/4 – Introduction
 - 19/4 – Recreation committees
 - 20/4 – Food bank
 - 21/4 – Summer sports
 - 22-4 – Maitland Trails
 - 23/4 – Pitch-In

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5.3 Mental Health: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Ideas:

- The Committee was informed (March 17th meeting) 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.**

Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Facebook post Health Unit information + volunteercentre, financial workshops, repost regularly.
Done, posts are scheduled, including a new post in collaboration with EEC (Employment & Education Centre) to inform residents and employers about their programs.

Decided:

- No new actions.

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

Ideas:

- Pitch-In is postponed due to the current COVID situation (Provincial Stay at home order)
- Staff mentioned that even now Pitch-In is postponed, there is still a chance that many people go out and collect garbage. What do we do in case people let bags on the side of the road or call us to ask when it can be picked up?
- Participants were asked to register themselves through Matthijs or Councillor Henry. Three persons registered with Matthijs, bags of one of the participants were collected last week.

Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Reach out to Moose FM/Brandon Piper to ask for an announcement on the radio.
No follow up, due to the fact that the event was postponed.

Decided:

- Staff follows up on bullet 2 under Ideas, to see what the best way will be to deal with this situation when it appears.

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5.5 Questions/Ideas?

Question:

- Farmer's & Craft Market
Was not on the agenda. On request of the CDC, staff provided a short update of the current situation and mentioned that we look forward to going ahead organizing the market in an outdoor setting once we go back to a 'green, yellow or orange' color zone.

Idea:

- Indigenous territorial acknowledgement:
Was brought to the agenda by a committee member. Committee received a brief introduction about this initiative. This gained enough support to be carried on to the next meeting as an agenda point.

Decided:

- Committee member that introduced the initiative will further inform the members of the CDC by email (through staff) and staff will add the link <https://www.amo.on.ca/advocacy/strategic-projects/guidance-traditional-land-acknowledgement-statements>. (emailed: 15/4/2021)
- Committee members will inform themselves further by reading the forwarded information.
- Next meeting we discuss this initiative and CDC will decide if we will prepare a proposal to bring this to Council (meeting May 25th)

6. **Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 2:00pm**

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2.43 p.m.