

**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
AGENDA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
June 16, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.**

REGULAR COMMITTEE SESSION

PRESENT

Laurie King, Michele Andrews, Mark Primeau (online), Matthijs van der Veen

REGRETS

Councillor Tanya Henry, Mayor Doug Malanka, Jonas Cole, Bill Spencer

A. Call to Order

Staff called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes approved for the May 19th, 2021 meeting.

D. Disclosure of Interest and Nature Thereof

E. Business Arising from the Minutes

E.1 Yearly Event Calendar

Decided:

- The question: which events can unify our community of communities?
Stays on the agenda.
- Earlier was suggested to organize a 'Fall festival' at the Maitland Tower site. Looking at the current progress that has been made, this looks to ambitious and therefor won't take place this year.

E.2 Mental Health: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Last meeting the Committee was informed that there will be a report presented Friday May 21st and an update would follow at the next CDC meeting. The person to inform us about the report was not available. The update will follow next meeting. **No action required now.**

Decided:

- No new actions.

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E.3 Pitch In Day – July 3rd, 2021 - Adopt a Road Program

Ideas:

- Pitch-In was postponed due to the COVID situation (Provincial Stay at home order)

Decided:

- Township still saw an opportunity to organize Pitch In this year and therefor will invite people to participate on Saturday July 3rd.

E.4 Indigenous territorial acknowledgement

Ideas:

- The subject was brought to the last meeting by a committee member.
- The acknowledgement should be built on a relationship between Township and indigenous people in the Township. Initiatives from both sides are taken in the past, but due to COVID it has not come to a meeting recently.

Decided:

- Once COVID restrictions are allowing again to reach out and meet, the relationship building initiative should be restarted.
- Staff drafted a 'welcome text' (acknowledgement) and presented this to the committee, which will receive it through these minutes and give feedback:
→ Welcome in Augusta Township. We want to express our gratitude to the natural environment we live in and live from. The St. Lawrence river as a natural curving border, the lands where we feed our cattle, grow our crops and raise our kids since many generations. We look forward to continuing doing this in harmony with nature so the generations to come can live on and live from the land as we do now.

E.5 Community gardens

Staff met volunteers working on a garden adjacent to one of the community halls.

Ideas:

- Staff gave an update on last meetings action points.
- Staff gave an update on the pollinator demo garden at the Townships Office site.
- Staff gave an update on the Community gardens adjacent to the community halls .
- 'Garden pride' contest was suggested. An interesting idea to give positive attention on residents gardening efforts and to share as an example.

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Action Points from Last Meeting:

- Staff will be in touch with the volunteers of the Roebuck hall and speak about the possibilities /wishes.
 - ➔ Contact has been made by staff.
- Staff will be in touch with recreation committees to see if they support the idea and know people that would like to participate or how to find them.
 - ➔ Contact has been made by staff. It is an ongoing process.
- Staff will investigate which properties are owned by the Township, County or Province, to see which one(s) are available to and that might fit the purpose of a community garden.
 - ➔ Staff didn't succeed yet to located possible community garden areas.

F. Other Business

- [insert or delete]
- [insert or delete]

G. Discuss Date of Next Meeting – To be scheduled in September 2021

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.