

IROQUOIS WATERFRONT COMMITTEE  
28 February 2019

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. In Attendance – Mayor Steven Byvelds, Jim Wilson, Marg Lee, Penny Davidson, John & Diane Ross (via Skype), Jim Millard; regrets – Keith Poore, Joyce Latulippe
3. Confirmation of amended Agenda to include Canada Day and plowing of path to beach
4. Approval of Minutes of January 25/19
5. Discussion
  - a. Mayor Byvelds reported that after discussion with clerk Brenda Brunt, it was felt that participation by Skype was a valid option for our committee as we are not elected officials.
  - b. Jim W. introduced one of our new members, Penny Davidson; the other addition to our committee, Joyce Latulippe was unable to attend. Keith Poore is still on vacation.

New Business:

- a. Confirmation of roles: Jim W. volunteered to remain as chair; Jim M. will serve as secretary; Keith P will continue as treasurer.
- c. The chair noted that we had worked on the consensus model since the beginning and all agreed that we would continue with that format for our discussions.
- d. The role of the committee was confirmed as being that of an advisory body, making suggestions to council and acting as a liaison between the community and council in regard to matters concerning the waterfront. It was noted that we do have a small hands-on role in regard to the operation of the canteen and upkeep of the flower gardens.
- e. John Ross suggested that our new members be provided with a hard copy of the original plan for the long-term development of the waterfront. **Action: Mayor Byvelds will arrange for these to be provided.**
- f. The chairman reported on a presentation he had made to council recently to explain our plans for the upcoming season. It was noted that council wanted us to tread carefully in the matter of asking for payment for use of the beach to

avoid an us / them situation with visitors. Donations will be welcomed but there will be no user fee as such. Signs will be created and a system for collecting and handling donations will need to be developed.

- g. John Ross reported on progress on the new campground / airport building. Tenders have been called and the mayor reported that about six sets of documents have been picked up by potential bidders. John reviewed some of the modifications that had to be made to the structure to keep it within budget. Construction is hoped to begin around the end of April with both the old and new buildings in operation for a time. The fly-in breakfast is set for July 21.
  - h. Mayor Byvelds reported on budget approvals noting that our request for \$15,000 had been approved. We will be getting six new metal tables. He noted that requests for action items be sent to Ben MacPherson with copies to himself and Shannon. The committee agreed that the beach operating season should be from the long weekend in May until Thanksgiving. **Action: A summary list, complete with dates will be prepared by Penny and then forwarded to Ben so that he is aware of our timeline.**
  - i. It was noted that there is no information for volunteers at the beach to know what to do in case of an emergency. If there are procedures, they should be available in a binder for canteen staff. As well the sign indicating that first aid is available should reflect that this is available only when lifeguards are present.
  - j. The chairman suggested that we explore having some kind of event around July 1 to commemorate the 1959 visit by the Queen and the official opening of the Seaway. All agreed this was an idea worth pursuing.
  - k. In response to a question, the walking/bike path to the beach is plowed and salted during the winter because it is a common route for walkers and dog owners and is well used.
  - l. John Ross asked for documentation for volunteers to indicate what insurance coverage was provided when they are working on our behalf. **Action: Mayor Byvelds agreed to provide copies of this info.**
6. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.