

# IROQUOIS WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

28 March 2019

## Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. In Attendance Jim Wilson, Marg Lee, Keith Poore, Jim Millard, Penny Davidson, Joyce Latulippe, John & Diane Ross (via Skype), CAO Shannon Geraghty and Rec Director Ben McPherson; Regrets: Mayor Steven Byvelde
3. Confirmation of Agenda \*
4. Approval of Minutes \*
5. Business arising:

Copies of the official waterfront plan from 2015 were circulated to our new members as well as having been emailed to all members. John R had also sent the 2013 plan. The list of “wants” for 2019 was reviewed, along with the proposed dates for each.

- Ben will work with his suppliers to come up with a shutter or awning to keep water from blowing into the serving window at the canteen. The awning would also provide some shelter from the sun for customers standing at the window.
- As well, eavestrough will be investigated as a way to keep water away from the window.
- Beach open dates were reviewed, and it was agreed that washrooms will be open, docks in place from the May long weekend until Thanksgiving. Due to the cold water, the marker buoy line might deviate from these dates.
- Regarding the gardens, Shannon noted that if we can give his office a few day’s notice of when we need help, he can arrange for a machine.
- Council has not approved our request to have the landline re-installed and wi-fi set up for visitors.
- The first aid sign on the door is incorrect as it indicates we are able to offer first aid. As a compromise, the kit will be re-located to the common entrance area where our volunteers can access it to offer help to visitors who need first aid supplies. A binder will also be created to include important phone numbers, procedures and incident reports. John noted that on occasion 911 calls don’t go through so it is good to have the actual phone numbers for ambulance, police, etc. We will provide Ben with a current list of the names of all volunteers.
- Ben reported that the lifeguard chairs will be painted prior to the opening of the season; he hopes to have new ones next year, possibly in conjunction with the high school tech shop.
- Modesty stalls will be created in both change rooms – a basic partition with a curtain will be tried to see if it is sufficient.
- Ben reported that several truckloads of sand will be provided prior to opening.
- Discussion about picnic tables resulted in a proposal that all the blue tables go to Morrisburg with a total of about 24 tables to be provided for Iroquois. The best alternative seems to be basic wooden tables or perhaps steel frames and wooden benches and tops. If new metal ones are provided for Iroquois, they should be a more natural earth tone colour.
- There was discussion about how to provide shade and parking for large crowds. In the end, it was agreed that a tent could perhaps be rented for a special event but that people generally bring their own shade tent. As for shade on the deck, investigation will take

place into “shade sails” that could be put up for the season. Long term plans will include a pergola on the deck.

- It was noted that Brenda had sent out the proof of insurance for all volunteers working with us. In addition, Ben will receive a list of all volunteer names and a waiver will be provided for all to sign.
- Discussion took place on the proposed event to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Seaway in late June. It will be a similar “open mic” event. Our partners in the historical society will be contacted by Jim to see if we can work together
- John presented an update on the construction plans for the new campground building. Because the tenders came in significantly higher than the estimate, council rejected the project as presented. John has worked with suppliers and has come up with donations of \$50,000 from local people to see the building built as tendered. He is also contributing more of his own money to ensure the municipality spends only what was budgeted. The plan will be presented to council next week and if approved, work would begin after Labour Day and wind up by the end of the year.

Discussion took place regarding a letter from Bruce Mullin indicating the sorry state of our walking paths. After some discussion, the following plan \* was agreed to:

- as soon as possible, repairs should be made to worst locations to permit safe use for the remainder of 2019
- in 2019, an application for funding for a complete rebuild should be sought from the Trillium Foundation
- in 2020, contingent on a successful funding application, the existing path should be deconstructed and replaced by a wider path with a proper gravel base and compacted but unpaved surface.

Keith reported on plans for the opening of the canteen. It is hoped to operate weekends from mid June to Labour Day and consistency of hours is vital. A proposal to be open 11-2 and 4-7 will be considered. Because we will have no hired help, a message will go out to all those volunteers who were on our list last year. As well, our Facebook page will solicit both volunteers and students who need their 40 hours. Closer to the end of the school year, contact will be made with the school to try and enlist some of the students going into grades 9 and 10.

To avoid Keith having to be home to deal with the cash box every weekend, a small safe will be installed in the canteen.

Jim W noted the demolition of the Tindale house on the point.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m. Next meeting is April 22.

- \* Attendees were canvassed for any objection to the agenda, minutes of the previous meeting, and the proposed actions relating to the path network, and there were none.