



Corporation of The Municipality of North Grenville

Committee Name Committee Meeting No. 7

Draft Minutes

Thursday, July 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Room 1, North Grenville Municipal Centre

Present

Member Phillip Seymour

Member Lorraine Rekmans

Member Patti McDonald (arrived at 4:10 p.m.)

Guests

Carolyn Bellingham

Clark

Staff Present

Hillary Geneau, Director of Corporate Services

Amy Martin, Director of Planning and Development

Phil Mosher, Deputy Director of Planning and Development

A. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by consensus at 4:02 p.m.

B. Opening Prayer

Member Phil Seymour provided an opening prayer.

C. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

D. Disclosure of Interest

None.

E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

E.1. Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2024

The meeting minutes of June 13, 2024 were approved by consensus.

F. Delegations

F.1. Planning Overview

Member Lorraine Rekmans asked when archeological assessments are conducted during development.

Deputy Director Phil Mosher explained that there are guidelines for when archeological assessment is required. Archeology assessments also become available to the public and can be reviewed by the group.

Member Lorraine Rekmans expressed concern that the Official Plan does not fully consider the Indigenous past and the provincial guidelines do not do enough to protect that.

Member Patti McDonald agreed and noted that any artifacts found should stay here.

Member Lorraine Rekmans advised there is a guide that helps people identify if there may have been Indigenous settlement on their property.

Deputy Director Phil Mosher suggested Indigenous knowledge can be added to planning files to help trigger archeological assessment.

Member Patti McDonald added there is concern about the clear cutting of trees for development.

Deputy Director Phil Mosher explained planning does aim for land protection, and gave an example of developments where trees are readded after development.

Member Patti MacDonald explained the need for balance and harmony, and it is better to maintain balance and harmony rather than trying to restore it.

Member Lorraine Rekmans suggested there needs to be a consideration of values in the planning process.

Director Amy Martin advised this can be a part of the Official Plan update process.

Member Lorraine Rekmans suggested looking at the design of Indigenous villages that were built on the concept that there were limits on what could be sustained.

Deputy Director Phil Mosher advised we do not have wildlife corridors mapped but there may be resources to start that.

Member Lorraine Rekmans suggested conducting a historical mapping exercise with the historical society, heritage committee, archeologists, and the group doing the trail mapping. Additionally, Indigenous people need to be considered rights holders, not stakeholders.

Member Patti McDonald suggested each municipality pitch in money for Pikwakanagan/Kitigan Zibi to hire a municipal coordinator.

Member Lorraine Rekmans advised land claims can be solved by giving land or money.

Deputy Director Phil Mosher noted anyone can be added to a circulation list when there is archaeological work. Additionally, staff can look to what is being done in the Deep River area as their consultation is further developed.

Director Hillary Geneau suggested the group plan a historical mapping event and invite an archeologist to a future meeting.

G. Decision Items

G.1. Tobacco Ties

Director Hillary Geneau suggested purchasing materials for tobacco ties to be able to prepare for future offerings. The members agreed this was a good idea.

G.2. September 30

Director Hillary Geneau reviewed the components from last year and the members agreed to move ahead with booking. The members agreed to hold the event on September 28 at lunch time and to raise the flag on September 30.

Member Patti McDonald offered to reach out to caterers.

G.3. Request From Childcare Centre

The members provided suggestions for who the centre can reach out to.

G.4. Request from Haudenosaunee Development Institute

The members discussed providing a contact for the distribution list.

G.5. Crosswalk Inquiry

Guest Carolyn Bellingham explained that they chose seven feathers because it connects the grandfather teachings to reconciliation.

Member Patti McDonald noted there are also the seven fallen feathers and that there may not be broad knowledge about the feathers and suggested having a plaque with information.

Guest Carolyn Bellingham advised she originally wanted to do the crosswalk at Prescott and Clothier but was advised by the Counties that it is too busy of an intersection to close. The crosswalk at Asa and Prescott was also not an option because it is interlock. Across from Home Hardware or up by the church are additional options.

Director Hillary Geneau suggested the location can be discussed amongst staff and brought back to Carolyn and Clark as the members were amenable to any prominent location.

Guest Clark suggested adding the seven grandfather teachings on the feathers.

Following Carolyn and Clark's departure, the members agreed to leave out the grandfather teachings and have a plaque to provide an explanation

about the feathers – Member Patti McDonald offered to write the content for the plaque. Additionally, the members agreed that instead of adding crosswalk to the annual budget, to regroup on an alternative art installation next year.

The members also discussed Carolyn’s ineligibility to be a part of the Circle as a non-resident. Director Hillary Geneau will discuss with the Clerk.

H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports

None.

I. Other Business

I.1. Items for Next Meeting – August 15

The members agreed to largely focus on planning for September 30 at the next meeting.

J. Public Questions

None.

K. Adjournment

Member Lorraine Rekmans provided a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.