



Municipality of Mississippi Mills

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Almonte Old Town Hall

14 Bridge St., Almonte

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Community & Economic Development
Advisory Committee Meeting
MINUTES

March 25, 2021
8:00 a.m.
E-participation

Committee Present: Deputy Mayor Minnille (left at 9:00am)
Scott McLellan
Ron MacMeekin
Greg Smith
Dawn McGeachy

Regrets: Councillor Guerard, Councillor Ferguson, Mary Rozenberg

Staff Present: Tiffany MacLaren, Community Economic & Cultural Coordinator
Bonnie Ostrom
Dawn McDonald

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Scott McLellan, called the meeting to order at 8:02 am

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Noreen Young
Seconded by Greg Smith

THAT the March 25, 2021 CEDC agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Greg Smith

Seconded by Dawn McGeachy

THAT the minutes dated February 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

F. REPORTS

F.1 Municipal Film Policy

Discussion of film policy, some items were clarified. It was suggested to reword the 50% cancellation fee section to add more clarity.

It was suggested that we look at other possible opportunities within in the film industry such as; promotion of venues and create our own film house.

F.2 Pakenham River Trail Working Group

Working Group Chair Doris Rankin provided an updated list of activities to date as information to the C&EDC committee. The Working Group will continue to follow their mandate to advance, define, promote and fundraise for the creation and installation of river trail loop in the Village of Pakenham.

Currently there is no C&EDC liaison on the working group. At this point Councillor Ferguson and The Community& Economic Development Committee Coordinator are currently working with the group.

F.3 Riverwalk Working Group Update

The Riverwalk Working Group sent notes from their March 16, 2021 meeting as an update. The millworkers staircase components were delivered on Friday March 12, installation began this week.

Depending on Covid-19 restrictions the group would like to have a "grand opening" of the staircase perhaps in August 2021. The working group continues to work on interpretive and directional signage, planning the Mill Worker's Walk and the Carleton St Walk to the MVTM and the donor recognition plaque. Further meetings will discuss benches, trees and landscaping.

F.4 Beautification Working Group Update

The Beautification Working Group updates were submitted as information. The group plans on meeting in April to discuss 2021 projects.

There is still an issue with finding members for the working group from each hamlet within Mississippi Mills. Currently most members are from Almonte, but they are always looking for volunteers to help with projects.

It was suggested that the working group also work with both Almonte and Pakenham Horticultural Society to help with projects and possible collaboration on some if possible.

THAT the C&EDC Committee accept all reports (F2, F3 & F4) as information as presented.

Moved by Ron MacMeekin

Seconded by Greg Smith

CARRIED

G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

G.1 Lanark County Update - Valley Heartland Business Retention and Expansion

Deputy Mayor Minnille confirmed that Lanark County has approved funds for economic development for each community. Further details should be received in early April. The County is currently working on the economic development web portal to support local businesses, municipalities and growth strategies.

Moved by Ron MacMeekin

Seconded by Greg Smith

THAT the C&EDC Committee accept the Lanark County Update- Valley Heartland Business Retention and Expansion as presented

CARRIED

H. ROUND TABLE

H.1 Industrial Park

The expansion of the next phase in the Industrial Park will begin this spring, with the contract being awarded to Thomas Cavanagh Construction. With the installation of the new road there will be an additional 10 lots available for sale. Council has increased the list of

approved businesses that could locate in the Industrial Park. The Real Estate Tender has been awarded to The Mills Realty Group and is awaiting Councils approval at the April 6 meeting.

H.2 Public Dock

It was confirmed that there is a public dock at 300 Spring St in Riverfront Estates. Residents have started A Go-Fund-Me account to obtain funds for repairs and installation of a more permanent dock. The dock is for canoe and kayaks only. It was suggested that proper signage be installed.

H.3 Almonte Fair Facebook Public Auction

April 12, 2021 the Almonte Fair Board will have a Facebook Public Auction. To make a donation to the cause please email nalsauctions@almontefair.ca, call Terry at 613-858-8309 or see details on the Almonte Fair website: almontefair.ca.

H.4 Mill Run Park

The Committee of the Whole has approved the Mill Run Park Project tenders successful bidder. Final approval on the Council agenda on April 6, 2021. The 5 acres park should start construction this spring with the majority of funds coming from development charges. Mill Run residents will be excited to see the progress of pathways, green space, benches and trees.

H.5 OPA22 - Official Plan Amendment (Almonte)

The next OP22 meeting will take place today at 10:00am via zoom. The municipal website has a list of frequently asked questions- OP22 under Public Engagement for residents to review.

H.6 Business Breakfast

The Ottawa Board of Trade are holding virtual Mayors breakfasts. Greg Smith attended a recent meeting with presentation from a guest speaker, break out groups for networking where the host manages the overall meeting and the breakout groups. It was suggested that we reach out to our typical participants to ask if they are interested in something like this. The Community, Economic & Cultural Coordinator will reach out to the Ottawa Board of Trade for more information.

H.7 Summer Students

The Community, Economic & Cultural Coordinator confirmed that three of the Beautification summer students will be returning from last year.

The Information summer student position will have to be reposted. We are unsure if any community festival or events will take place again this summer so the focus will be staycations, tourist information, cleaning washrooms according to Covid-19 guidelines.

We currently plan on opening the public washrooms at the Almonte Old Town Hall beginning on the Easter long weekend.

H.8 Valley Heartland

Valley Heartland had a video session entitled Leadership Reinvention during difficult times with special guest Arlene Dickinson. Arlene Dickinson is CEO of Venture Communications and a star of Dragon's Den. It was suggested that committee members inquire if a video was available as the session was very interesting and useful.

I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

None.

K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2021 @ 8:00 am

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Greg Smith

Seconded by Noreen Young

THAT the March 25, 2021 Community and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:15 am.

CARRIED

Bonnie Ostrom,

Recording Secretary

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 22, 2021

TO: Community & Economic Development Committee (C&EDC)

FROM: Bonnie Ostrom, Administration Assistant, Recreation & Culture Department

SUBJECT: Beautification Working Group Update

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee receive the following update from the Mississippi Mills Beautification Working Group.

BACKGROUND:

Mississippi Mills Beautification is a working group of volunteers. As their budget comes from CEDC they remain under CEDC for information purposes. Currently the position of CEDC committee member to Beautification Working Group is vacant. Staff is currently maintaining that link and supporting the committee's work.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the "Stay at home" order the Beautification Working Group will not be able to meet until this order has commenced sometime in May.

The Beautification summer students will be returning from last season: Eliza Zamarano, Holly Houston and Gage Moffatt. They will be starting on Tuesday May 25, 2021.

The Almonte Horticultural Society volunteers will begin the redesign of the Old Town Hall garden later in May. The groups work schedule includes maintaining the Library gardens, the Cenotaph garden and planting the barrels for Mill St.

The Pakenham Horticultural Society volunteers have a list of projects including maintaining existing gardens, improving the gardens under the entrance signs to the village and planting trees in Fred Millar Park.

The Municipality in partnership with Red Dress Productions and Lanark County Interval House and Community Support is looking for your input on the choice of a location for a Pebble Mosaic Art project in Almonte. With community engagement and collaborative

cultural production, the Public Art Project works to increase the public's understanding of sexual and gender-based violence and offers spaces of remembrance, peace, and hope for those who have been affected.

There are two (2) locations in Almonte for you to choose where the Pebble Mosaic should go; Almonte Old Town Hall garden or Kirkland Park. The survey is on the Mississippi Mills website and finishes on April 30th. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

SUMMARY:

The Beautification Working Group plan on meeting again in May once the "Stay at Home order" is finished (according to Covid- 19 restrictions) to discuss 2021 projects.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bonnie Ostrom,
Administration Assistant, Recreation & Culture Department