



Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the Municipality of Port Hope held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:38p.m. via Web Conference.

Present: T. Garrett, B. Pemberton, J. Appleman, F. Langmaid, C. Wickett, L. Stewart
J. McCormack, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
J. Snoek, Community Development Program Manager
Staff: Councillor W. Meadows
A. Millar, Recording Secretary
M. van den Broek, Engineering Manager
Absent: A. Pettipas, RCAC Representative

1. Roll Call/Quorum

2. Delegations

2.1 Representatives from CIMA and Works & Engineering re: Walton Street Environmental Assessment/Design

Engineering Manager introduced the representatives from CIMA+ who were present and gave a presentation regarding the Walton Street Environmental Assessment/Design:

- Project driven by need to modernize aging underground infrastructure providing opportunity to enhance streetscape and pedestrian connectivity. Enhance streetscape complimentary to importance of historic buildings and unique environment;
- Design direction allows building façade to remain focal point, maintain sidewalk widths, enhance pedestrian space, align amenities, improve crosswalks, protect and preserve on-street parking, preserve existing trees and identify opportunities for new trees, integrate Lent Lane;
- Identified design direction for three sections: Residential, Transitional, and Downtown;

- Potential streetscape improvement options identified – defined crossing for trail access on west side of Ganaraska River, integrated plaza space at Lent Lane, retention wall at Bell Canada property redesign, establish gateway at Pine Street intersection, wayfinding and cyclist parking;
- Cycling facilities of Active Transportation Master Plan reviewed, cycling right of way would come at expense of existing parking that has been identified as essential to some residents and businesses. Challenges discussed in 2014 resulted in decision to forego cycling facilities on Walton Street and provide alternate route;
- Discussion regarding Lent Lane as link for cyclists to access downtown, would require enhanced wayfinding and secure parking opportunities;
- Stakeholder consultations wrap in January and move to prepare for design concept, then public consultation. Council to carefully consider presentation later in 2021 with considerations of impacts of the pandemic.

Member inquired regarding plans to reroute and divert cyclists who are not stopping downtown. CIMA+ representatives clarified that not all cyclists can be diverted and are permitted to ride amongst traffic. Providing good alternate to those who require that route to make cycling viable option. Education through tourism initiatives.

Member proposed alternate cycling route via Strachan Street due to elevation. Director agreed – could work with AON to discuss traffic calming measures required. Wayfinding needs improvement.

Member stated concerns regarding prioritizing vehicles over pedestrians. Inquired regarding process for public consultation. Requested delegation presentation materials circulated to committee members.

Member suggested seasonal on-street parking. Discussion regarding on-street patios and response from business owners. Feedback that there is not enough downtown parking.

Delegation was dismissed at 7:32p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1 Wednesday, December 16, 2020

PRC 10/2020

Moved by F. Langmaid

Seconded by J. Appleman

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approves the agenda of December 16, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the Nature Thereof

None.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

5.1 Wednesday, November 18, 2020

PRC 11/2020

Moved by C. Wickett

Seconded by J. Appleman

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approves the minutes of November 18, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1 2021 Operating/Capital Budget - Update

- Budget presented to Council Dec 15 - Council approved operating and capital budgets;
- Total 2.9% increase to municipal portion of budget. Average increase of \$66 per household. 1.6% overall property tax impact to residents of Port Hope;
- PRC budget approved. Director briefly reviewed approved capital projects;
- Staff beginning to work on RFPs and tenders leading into 2021.

6.2 Arboretum - Update

- Report to Waterfront and Riverwalk Working Group, good discussion and supportive of concept;
- Report to COW, Council approved project to move forward;
- Community Development Program Manager provided outline of next steps: drafting fundraising campaign with marketing, meeting with P. Gabany and working group to discuss launch of campaign, timelines, and landscaping plan.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Committee Business

8.1 PRC Department Report

- COVID-19 Update: Continuously reviewing operations and staff capabilities. Reviewing framework for yellow zone and impacts to programming, firming active screening processes, limiting spectators. Correcting behaviour of customers with firmness and education. No new rentals or bookings until processes are re-evaluated. No restrictions from Health Unit to stop persons from red or grey zone travelling to other zones;
- Minor Hockey taking pause until January 11th;
- TPRC continues to be well used. Fitness programs and lane swim running steady. Children's programs are inconsistent;
- Cormac Kerin's hockey number painted on ice at JBSC in front of home bench
- Recruiting two part-time staff to certify as fitness instructors;
- Pancakes with Santa video posted to website. 18 holiday kits purchased to date;
- RCAC Board extending memberships to Jan 31st. Municipality to cover costs. Virtual bingo well attended;
- New light standards installed downtown at Town Hall, Elias St parking lot, Lent Lane, Library, and Cavan Street parking lot. Good feedback received;
- Santa Claus Parade - 555 vehicles attended, received positive feedback. Committee extended kudos to event coordinators;
- Civic Awards Nominations are open. Spread the word! More information available on website;
- New free little libraries installed;
- Suction dredge of outer harbor underway. Stockpiling materials south of Cameco. CMP completing testing regularly - no LLRW detected. Independent tests by Terrapro to determine future use coming back that it can be beach supplement. Director identified delays due to weather and how staff are proceeding through these impacts;
- Kitchen at The Hub is complete;
- Leisure Services Master Plan: finalizing draft for COW in January - consultants to present draft report, will then be available for public consult;
- Port Granby Nature Reserve meetings ongoing. Ensuring Indigenous community involved as partner an ally - want to ensure protection from any development and remain as natural area;
- Director attended meeting with Mason Homes regarding future phases north of Lakeshore Road, noted opportunity to link trails.

8.2 Waterfront and Riverwalk Working Group - Update

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- Orientation regarding existing data and waterfront;
 - Delegation from Rotary re proposed Centennial project. Ongoing discussions with staff. Not prepared to bring to this committee yet - possibly early 2021;
 - Next meeting delegations from Cameco re Vision in Motion and GRCA re various studies in respect to the Ganaraska watershed;
 - Review of Terms of Reference, cooperate services to attend: retain consulting service to undertake review of existing waterfront master plan and expand to include Ganaraska River;
 - Chairperson elected, undertaking role for period of six months after which the working group will reassess needs.

8.3 2021 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- Approved the 2021 meeting schedule.

9. Council Referrals

None.

10. New Business

10.1 Lent Lane Fountain Restoration

- Funding from external supports, municipality to fund connection to water;
- Supporter is determined and dedicated to undertake this project - beginning to work on detail and design;
- Visibly just restoration. Engineering to involve recirculating water system. Look at how overflow to be discharged - most likely through storm sewer with dichlorination.

10.2 Round Table

F. Langmaid:

- Identified concerns along trail and thanked staff for cleaning up and trimming foliage;
- Discussion regarding survey received from IJC, providing data about damage and cost impacts from high water events in 2017 and 2019.

11. Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 at 6:30p.m. via web conference.

Adjourned at 8:28p.m.