

**Economic Development Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order at 6:00PM on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at the Massey and District Community Centre and Area by Susan Sonnenburg.

**Present**

Susan Sonnenburg- Chair	Glenda Massicotte
Kevin Burke	Patricia Hnatuik
Marie-Ann Hobbs	Adam Martel
Amanda Ellsworth	Brian Channon

**Regrets**

Charlene Puzack	Cindy Stewart
Don More	Chad Sonnenburg
Tammy Manitowabi	Leslie Gamble

**Guests in attendance**

Eira Robinson  
Klara Kluge

**Presentations**

**Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Re: Seniors Housing  
Representative: Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services**

- The current numbers on the waitlist for community housing in general was reviewed (527), with special consideration to those who were seniors (165).
- Of 217 people on the Direct Shelter Subsidy, a rent top up program, 47 are seniors.
- The DSAB offers 4 buildings for community housing in the Lacloche area, in the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers there is one building in Massey (21 single bedroom units) and one in Webbwood (24 units designated seniors only). Currently there are 2 applications from seniors for Massey housing and 4 applications for Webbwood.
- DSAB also offers the Direct Shelter Subsidy program (rent top up), currently there is 24 senior recipients in our area (9 in Massey, 1 in Webbwood).
- Donna outlined multiple housing programs that provide funding to non-profit, government and private sectors including the federal Loan Program-co Investment Fund, Seed Funding and Rapid housing Program. Amanda to research these programs.

*\*It is noted that these statistics are only for seniors who have applied to DSAB and do not represent the seniors who have moved to seniors housing outside of our township\**

## **Horticultural Society Re: Flower Beds at Teasdale Park and Heritage Park**

**Representative: Klara Kluge**

### Teasdale park

- The Horticultural Society would like to take advantage of the 129 acres at Teasdale Park.
- Klara would like to install a natural trail on the river side throughout the park for residents to enjoy, and a parking area.
- Access to the park is unknown and may require a culvert installation.
- Klara proposed an orchid sanctuary for the south side of the park for the public to enjoy and that could have both educational and environmental benefits, specifically in acting as a pollination avenue for bees. Klara was looking to contact the Canada Orkut Association for a potential partnership.

### Heritage Park

- The Horticultural society is to create flower beds and plant shrubs and hydrangeas along the south side of the bathrooms.
- Klara has set aside \$2,000 for the project of Teasdale Park but asks that the Economic Development Committee consider if they would provide funds to the Horticultural society for their efforts in Teasdale and Heritage Park, since they have reduced the number of flowers to be ordered.

### Old Business

#### **1. Public Boat Launch at Mouth Park**

##### **a. Docking System Update**

- i. Recognition of the work done this summer regarding parking for the boat launch was discussed, and the upcoming repairs to be done to the launch itself.
- ii. The committee would like to revisit installing a municipal dock at the boat launch. (see WSP Canada Inc. proposal dated February 5,2020)
- iii. It has been noted that if the dock was attainable, the maintenance and supervision of it would need to be discussed as it overlaps multiple departments (Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Economic Development).

#### **2. Design the Sign**

- a. Review of the "thank you" letter sent to those who submitted designs.
- b. Decision to use a professional company to design the East/West Township signs.

### **3. East and West Township Signs**

- a. Reviewed examples and pricing from Laird Signs.
  - i. The Burpee and Mills Sign example at \$4,000 is the current first choice. This quote price included an aluminum frame and posts powder coated, fully reflective panels and a concrete foundation. It included the services the area offered at the bottom which the committee would like for our Township sign as well.
- b. Discussion of the original budget, and possibly expansion to accommodate two signs
- c. The committee is waiting on a quote from Sign Effects in order to make a decision.
- d. Members would like to explore the possibility of a third Township sign at the township boundary by Beauchamp subdivision on Lee Valley Road.
- e. Amanda is to look into possible funding being offered for signage.

### **4. Electronic Sign Update**

- a. Reviewed all information and quotes from LibertelevisionON.
- b. Waiting on quote from sign effects after their site visit on September 17<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- c. Still in discussions for proposed location of south yard along highway or possible location outside fence of the public works yard along highway for easier hydro hookup.

## **New Business**

### **1. Budget**

- a. Reviewed current statement of revenue and expenditures.
- b. Reviewed Memo regarding budget surpluses and the operating surplus/deficit policy.

### **2. Township Flower Tender**

- a. Reviewed 2019 invitation for tenders.
- b. Reviewed Memo regarding the construction on highway 17 from the traffic lights in Massey, easterly for 22.4 km (east of Webbwood).
- c. Hanging baskets will not be installed along the highway, as their maintenance will be difficult/ a safety hazard because of the construction.
- d. As per committee recommendation the flower tender will be prepared and sent out and will include:
  - i. 25 full post baskets (reduced from 33). Proposed locations are:
    1. Along Imperial Street North and South in Massey. Reasoning for this is that this is a high action area throughout the summer.
    2. Side streets in Webbwood that are visible from the Highway.
    3. In front of the Library and Clinic in Massey.
  - ii. 2 large plastic pots for the Webbwood Library.
  - iii. 2 extra-large planters for the Township office.
  - iv. 10 cedar barrels. Proposed locations are: On corners throughout the Township instead of in front of businesses.
- e. Amanda is to research and confirm the number of posts on Imperial Street to hold baskets.

- f. **\*It is noted that the businesses look after the barrels and that Public Works would need to be consulted in regards to their maintenance and the maintenance of hanging baskets in new locations throughout the township\***

**3. Age Friendly Committee Update**

- a. Eira Robinson, Chair of the Age-Friendly, would like to start up meetings again to discuss the next steps for the committee.
- b. Glenda Massicotte would like to become involved with this committee again.

**4. Lacloche Foothills Activity guide/business directory**

- a. Amanda to look into partnerships with other municipalities for updating/ redoing the guide.
- b. Amanda to research updating the local business directory.

**5. The Marketplace**

- a. Due to time constraints the committee chose to postpone marketplace discussions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM by Susan Sonnenburg. The next Economic Development general meeting will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM and will be held at the Massey and District Community Centre and Arena.

Minutes Submitted by: Amanda Ellsworth

Approved by: Susan Sonnenburg



February 5, 2020

Lisa Hobbs  
Economic Development Officer  
Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers  
11 Birch Lake Road  
Massey Ontario P0P1P0

Dear Ms. Hobbs:

**Subject: Public Docking Project**

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me in January to discuss the dock project at the public boat launch.

As discussed, there are several factors which should be considered for the dock. Several include:

- Amount of water level fluctuations;
- Requirement for a ramp to get onto the dock (which accounts for different water levels);
- How fast the water is moving;
- Special access for removal of the dock in the winter;
- Anchoring of the dock; and,
- Public accessibility of the dock (AODA requirements).

In order to provide a recommendation on which type of dock is most suitable and which anchoring system can best accommodate the topography and water levels, I would propose we start with a Feasibility Study to review the options available. The study would comprise the following tasks:

- Conduct a site review of the area;
- Gather background information;
- Obtain water levels from the MNRF and the closest water gauging stations;
- Review dock and anchorage options;
- Prepare cost estimates of the different options; and,
- Prepare a Feasibility Report summarizing the options and recommendations.

The total fee (not including HST) for the above work is \$6,600.00

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