



HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2019 Town Hall Classroom

PRESENT: Peter Willmott- Chair
Ruth McArthur
Joel Simpson - Secretary
Sylvia Bray
Fiona Ryner
Tim North
Andrea McCormack
Dan McCormack
Kendra Marr
Kevin Stevenson
Donna Cutler
Courtney O'Neill
John Ferguson

REGRETS: Greg Forbes
Nathan Wukasch
Irene Bell
Wesley Ferdis –Vice Chair
M.Vittoria Trainer

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 pm**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none**
3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA –** The following items were added to the agenda:
 - Single use packaging
 - Post public event report
 - Trail Map
 - April Bike Summit
 - Proclaiming Bike Month
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: February 21st, 2019**
Minutes were circulated and approved by email after the meeting.
5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:** Penny Rush, public health nurse discussed smoke free legislation. Working to make more areas in the community smoke free i.e. parks without playgrounds, trails, beaches, etc). Today's focus is asking of the support from the HCN to amend the current bylaw or pass new law that prohibits use or smoke/vapour products on any

municipal property. HCN would like to hear from Park Superintendent Greg Forbes before proceeding on a decision. Interested to keep provincial and municipal bylaws the same.

6. Unfinished Business

The following standing items from 2018 were discussed:

1. Support the Bicycle Friendly Committee
2. 10th Annual Canoe Trip
3. Community Garden
4. Support to the South Georgian Bay Food Champions
5. Support the Age Friendly Advisory Committee
6. Develop a communications strategy to raise awareness of HCN
7. Support the Green Prescription Project
8. Support the Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Project
9. Continue to develop the Walk Friendly Designation
10. Expand HCN presence at public events
11. Advocate for complete streets.

Goals for 2019

With the exception of #11 the above goals will continue in 2019.

Action

Andrea is to develop a communication strategy for discussion at a future HCN meeting.

Food Insecurity – Members discussed the Council resolution from August 2018 seeking feedback from HCN on potential future food insecurity action.

Action

Courtney to table this item at a future meeting of the South Georgian Bay Food Champions and report back to HCN.

Letter to Retiring HCN Members – It was agreed that HCN would send thankyou letters to the four long serving members who have left HCN

Action

Peter to send letters from the Chairman

Code of Conduct Concerns – Members were advised that the only personal item which is disclosed about HCN members is their name.

7. New Business

Single Use Packaging – Kendra asked members to support a proposal to discontinue the use of single use items such as coffee cups etc. at all municipal committees.

Action

Kendra will prepare a resolution on this issue for discussion at the next HCN meeting.

Event Reports – At Dan's suggestion, members agreed to complete a follow up report for all future events in which members participate similar to the one used at the recent wellness fair held on March 16th.

Trail Map – Dan suggested that the Town's trail map be changed to identify potential excursion sites.

Action

Peter to discuss the suggestion with Town staff who are currently working on changes trail map.

Ontario Bike Summit – This year's Bike Summit is to be held in Toronto on April 1st and 2nd.

Bike Month Proclamation – Members agreed that Council should be asked to proclaim June as Bike Month.

Action

Peter to draft the proclamation.

Report of the Bicycle Friendly Committee – Peter reviewed the actions from the recent Bicycle Friendly Committee

Action

The following resolution was presented:

"That HCN allocate up to \$1000 for the purchase of an additional 240 bicycle lights similar to those purchased in 2018." Moved by Sylvia. Seconded by Ruth. Carried.

Goals for 2019 – Tim suggested that HCN consider a goal which would result in Wasaga Beach becoming a Dark Sky Community.

Action

Tim is to make a brief presentation at the next HCN meeting identifying the benefits of the proposal. Members were also asked to consider other goals, in

addition to those carried over from 2018, which they'd like to be considered for 2019 and bring their suggestions to the next HCN meeting.

8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9.03 p.m.

9. **Next Meeting** - April 18th. 7 p.m.