



HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, August 15th, 2019 Town Hall Classroom

PRESENT: Peter Willmott - Chair
Nathan Wukasch
Sylvia Bray
Irene Bell (recorder)
Fiona Ryner
Tim North
Dan McCormack
Kendra Marr
Donna Cutler
Kevin Stevenson

REGRETS: Vittoria Trainer
Greg Forbes
John Ferguson
Ruth McArthur
Wesley Ferdis
Joel Simpson
Erika Haney
Andrea McCormack

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 pm**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none**
3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – An addition –Display Board**
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING July 18 – moved Dan, second Fiona- passed**
5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: None**
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - a) Letter of support from HCN to Snow Angels and Garden Gnomes Program has gone to council with their request for grant funding.
 - b) Single Use Plastic Utensils Initiative. A representative from Simcoe County Waste Management will present a single use reduction strategy at Oct HCN meeting
Action – Peter to make ongoing arrangements.
7. **Bicycle Safety Report to Council**

The intention of the report is to inform council of HCN goals in this regard and to raise public awareness of the issue. Peter will put a rough draft together including:
Bicycle stats and strategies (see STR website)
Status of cycling in Wasaga Beach ie Bike Friendly Designation, bike racks, bike events.
The report will be circulated to HCN and Bike Friendly Committee for review, discussion, new ideas, recommendations. The Community Policing committee will be invited to contribute.

8. **Potential Composting at the Main St Market**

No strategy re composting at present. Garbage pick up at the market is private company.

Action: If the market continues next year Peter to follow up with Scott Bradley. HCN will consider looking into Simcoe County Waste Diversion Strategy.

9 **Other Business**

Nathan presented a new draft map of Great Lakes Waterfront Trail - the section from Collingwood through Wasaga Beach. The Wasaga Beach section launch will be in 2020. Action; Nathan to follow up re Wasaga Beach involvement in the launch.

Wasaga Beach has received \$15,000 from Simcoe County for the upgrade of Shore Lane Trail between 6th and 12th St. The Town will contract out the work, which will be completed before the end of November 2019.

Insurance for Bike Valet and other HCN events. The committee must make certain that any events we organize must be covered either by Town's general liability insurance or included in the event organizer insurance.

Action : Bike Valet at Ships and Sails will have a disclaimer notice at the site.

Stonebridge BluesFest –Ron Hollowell from the Bike Friendly Committee will investigate insurance coverage from BluesFest organizers.

Peter – as chair of HCN will draft a Letter of Potential Liability Exposure and send it to members for comment before communicating with Town treasurer.

10 **Goals/Committee Reports/Projects.**

Share the Road – Wasaga Beach Application for Bike Friendly Designation – No results yet.

Bike Light Distribution. HCN has approx 350 bike lights. Suggestions –Incorporate into the School Travel Plan/ Use as educational tool in schools.

Green Prescription Program. Application is in the works for a grant to Collingwood Hospital for \$10,000 over 2 years. Community Health Centre is the lead with partners HCN, Town of Wasaga Beach, Ontario Parks, Free Spirit Tours. Fifty clients will be recruited from Health Centre. Project field work will be carried out by graduate students from Georgian College.

Age Friendly Committee. No update.

School Travel Plan. Worsley Elementary School in Wasaga Beach is part of the county wide travel plan. Plan includes – Crosswalk Templates, Air Quality Testing, Environmental Scan. There will be a media release in September.

Donna reported Worsley goals included – student travel survey (x2 – the first in Oct), family survey (ethics review at Health Centre), GIS Community Walk About -1.6km radius, traffic observation half hour before and after school.

Dark Sky Preserve. Tim to send International Dark Sky Community Guidelines to HCN for discussion at October meeting. The path forward includes – Environmentally Friendly Lighting (Public Works has a review of lighting in 2020). Support for EFL should be by site planning or by law. Could work with a developer to pilot a different lighting standard that is more dark-sky friendly eg. Sunnidale Trails. The eventual goal is to move forward to Dark Sky Certification from the International Dark Sky Association (IDA). Tim will prepare some information for HCN to review and for further discussion on how to advise Council on this matter.

Smoke Free Beaches Initiative. Penny Rush from Simcoe Muskoka Distric Health Unit will give a presentation on Smoke Free Beaches at next meeting. HCN has committed to support Ontario Parks in this project.

2019 Canoe Trip will take place on Sat Oct 5th.

Action: Peter will set things in motion and send out registration forms.

New Business

Donna has offered to revamp the HCN display unit.

Nathan encouraged members to visit – www.letstalkwasaga.ca – a pilot project public engagement website that the Town is using to provide information and engage people in conversation about a number of projects. Nathan is working on a new Official Plan for the Town and there is a survey that is available for residents to provide their thoughts and opinions.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm. Fiona

Next meeting Thursday September 19th 7-9pm