



HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday December 19, 2019 Town Hall Classroom

PRESENT: Dan McCormack - Chair (recorder)
Nathan Wukasch
Sylvia Bray
Irene Bell
Fiona Ryner
Kendra Marr
Peter Willmott
Kevin Stevenson
Adam Fraser
Vittoria Trainer
Ruth McArthur
Wesley Ferdis

REGRETS: John Ferguson
Joel Simpson
Donna Cutler
Andrea McCormack
Erika Haney

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:20 pm**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none**
3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA –** The following items were added to the agenda;
 - Cost of Healthy Eating 2019 in the Simcoe Muskoka Region
 - Bicycle Friendly Community Application Update
 - Great Lakes Waterfront Trail Update
4. **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING -** Distributed by email to members for information purposes.
5. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:** there no deputations or presentations.
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER NOTES:**

On December 12, 2019, Jeff Regan, Coordinator Municipal Law Enforcement & Property Standards and who gave a presentation to HCN regarding Wasaga Beach Smoking By-Laws in November, recommended to the General Government Section of Coordinated Committee the following;

- that Council receives the February 7, 2019 report “Changes to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017” for information,
- that Council receives the staff report on the options to amend the Smoking in Public Places By-Law,
- that Council direct staff to draft a By-Law restricting Smoking/Vaping in Public Places (Option Two),

In the same report, it was noted that HCN, during the HCN November 21 meeting, would “advocate for an all-encompassing smoking by-law” as outlined in the recommendation of the report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

School Travel Plan (“STP”)

An update was provided by Ruth McArthur for the STP initiative at Worsley Public School. The local Wasaga Beach STP committee continues to meet monthly with the following activities completed;

- Presentation of the project to school staff and school council,
- Completion of morning traffic observations to identify challenges and behaviours within the school zone (Councilor Mark Kinney and a Community Policing Committee member attended these surveys and provided valuable input),
- Student travel survey observations,
- Project branding has been developed and approved by the Public School Board and will be used for promotion through social media venues.

Data collected will help shape the STP Action Plan.

Still outstanding are afternoon traffic observations and a family survey. A draft Action Plan is anticipated in early 2020.

Cost of Healthy Eating in Simcoe Muskoka 2019

Ruth McArthur presented socio-economic data and statistics collected by Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (“SMDHU”) regarding household food insecurity. 2019 statistics show that in the Simcoe-Muskoka Region one in eight households or 70,000 people do not have enough money to put food on their table. Household food insecurity has a serious impact on mental, physical and social health starting in childhood. SMDHU is outreaching to the public, in whatever venues possible, in spreading the word about this dilemma and to speak out for policies that would eliminate food insecurity.

Clarification on HCN Eligible Budget Allocations

As a follow-up to discussions on possible end-of-year HCN budget allocations, Nathan Wukasz, after speaking with the Treasury and Clerk’s Departments, provided the following clarification:

“HCN Terms of Reference describes that routine administrative costs associated with the work of the Committee will be allocated from the Committee’s annual budget, to reflect the upcoming operating and capital needs.”

In relation to this matter, Adam Fraser informed that he improved the sharpness and quality of the HCN logo for better visuals on display and poster boards with the following resolution presented,

“That HCN purchase 10 colour 11x17 laminated copies of the HCN logo from the UPS Store”.

Moved by Fiona, Seconded by Vittoria. Carried.

Bicycle Friendly Community Application

As reported by Nathan Wukasch, Wasaga Beach was successful in maintaining a bronze Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the Share the Road Cycling Coalition. Wasaga submitted the application in the Spring of 2019 and had provided information on recent cycling initiatives and infrastructure improvements with aspirations of obtaining a silver designation. Share the Road Coalition will meet with Wasaga Beach Town Council next year to speak about the program and to the results of the application review.

Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

The Great Lakes Waterfront Trail is a 3,000 km route that connects 140 communities and enables public access along Canadian shores of the Great Lakes. An information update on the completion of the Trail was provided by Nathan Wukasch indicating that Trail organizers anticipate the final segment between Wasaga Beach and Sudbury be completed next year.

Declaration of Climate Emergency by Municipalities

Kendra Marr initiated discussion regarding declaration of climate emergencies by some municipalities in Canada. After discussion, it was agreed that more information is needed on declaration context and on possible implications of such an action before deciding on an appropriate approach or recommendation.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** January 16, 2020

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm by Peter Wilmott. Seconded by Kendra Marr.