

# MINUTES

## DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held: Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Via: zoom

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Present:**

Krista Mackler, Claire Rothery, Susan Parks

#### **Guests:**

Joan Stephenson - Bowes

#### **Absent:**

John Clement

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Kari Clarke

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### **1. First Meeting of 2022**

#### **a) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Krista Mackler at 3:05 PM on Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, with 3 Committee members in attendance.

#### **b) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There being none, the Chair moved on to the next order of business.

#### **c) Approval of Last Minutes**

No minutes were approved at the meeting

### **2. Disclosure of Additional Items**

### **3. Unfinished Business**

### **4. New Business**

- a. **Appointment of Joan Stephenson-Bowes to the Downtown Environment Committee**

## **MOTION BIAD 2022-1.1**

**MOVED BY** Claire Rothery

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE APPROVES JOAN STEPHENSON-BOWES TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE.**

**CARRIED** *UNANIMOUS*

### **b. Call out for artists for picnic tables and mural**

- **Budget**

- Tables (x 4) at \$700 each - \$200 for supplies and \$500 for artist fees
- Fence Mural \$2500

- **Schedule**

- Kari will reach out to the Stewart Park Festival at their March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, about creating a space for a live art project in the park during the festival weekend
- the picnic tables could be painted during the 3-day festival

- **Parameters**

- Committee will determine general subject matter and jury the artists submissions that are sent in
- Artist to paint something in a 'Perth' theme e.g., water tower, Big Ben, maple syrup

### **c. Update on Alley beautification**

- This project is not longer going forward
- Building owners would not approve the murals
- Lighting will be added to the alleys – town cost
- Town is hoping to fund the laying of a brick walkway in each alley in the 2023 budget

### **d. Garbage cans - determine cost for one, three section garbage can for recycling**

- Cost for a steel container, with three sections is approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000

**e. Lights for 2022**

- The next step for Christmas light installations will depend on whether the Town of Perth receives the grant of \$50,000 and the BIA and Town match the grant, each at 50%

**f. Other Beautification Projects**

- Bandshell decorations need to be added to create an IG spot in our downtown
- Maintaining of gardens at Herriot and Gore and at the Crystal Palace
- Committee was asked about hanging a fewer amount of flower baskets and replacing them with banners.
  - The committee agreed that the hanging baskets were very attractive and often commented on by visitors.
  - They did not support the idea to switch some baskets to banners.

**g. Benches for 2022**

- Determine if a bench was placed at Big Ben
- Review the option of placing a bench in front of the Bank of Montreal
- If we are ordering more benches in 2022, where will they go
- There is \$3,800 in the 2022 budget for benches

**5. Discussion of Additional Items**

**6. Next meeting** – March 11 at 2 PM via zoom

**7. Adjournment** - Moved by Claire Rothery that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 PM.