



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held: Monday, June 24th, 2024, at 12:30pm

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Krista Stead-Mackler, Susan Park, Claire Rothery, Sharon Cavanagh, Heidi McKean, John Clement, Cathy McNally, Jane Farrell, and Kelsey Dold

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:28pm

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There being none, the Chair moved onto the next order of business

3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Moved by John Clement

4. Disclosure of Additional Items

There being none, the Chair moved onto the next order of business

5. Unfinished Business

a. Bench Update

- BIA Coordinator to order two new backless benches
 - Both sponsored by local businesses
- Committee to determine where the two new benches are to be situated
- Placement ideas:
 - Perkins Building
 - Outside of Perth Fabrics and Crafts
 - On the grass by the Tay facing the fountain

→ Heidi McKean and Sharon Cavanagh to walk downtown and make note where benches would be appropriate

b. Plaques

→ There are three plaques by the Tay in which were in relation to the three friendship fountains

- The plaques are now wrong as there is one larger fountain that replaced the three smaller ones
- Differ

→ Plaques will be needed for the two new benches

c. Grant Update

→ No response but received an apology for the delay

- Received a large amount of applicants
- Should be notified within two weeks

d. Advent Calendar

→ The BIA Coordinator inquired through the Kingston BIA

- Their advent calendar initiatives were strictly for promotions
- No money handling and therefore did not need any licensing

6. New Business

a. Barrels

→ Sharon Cavanagh presented research

- Planters and trees sourced from Home Depot or Canadian Tire
- The issue here is that it is very easy to knock these presented planters down and they are easy to be lifted and stolen
- Idea to implement solar lights – Town is implementing more lights on the poles

→ Maintaining the 5-year contract with current vendor

→ Currently 85 barrels within the downtown area

→ The Town of Perth received a grant to replace 19 of those barrels with new planters

- Inquire if and coordinate how the old barrels can be sold

→ With fewer barrels, maintenance will be more attainable

b. 2025 Flowers

→ Will decrease the number of hanging baskets

→ The Town of Perth is planting three new trees with silva cell to prolong their longevity

- Outside of Where Dragons Fly,
 - Outside of Lorna's Cut 'N Curl, and
 - Outside of Dragon Moon
- The Town of Perth is creating a design for the area at the side of Billings & Company to make the space more appealing
- Consider a visual on the wall at Conway's Men's Wear
- BIA Coordinator to inquire about tree costs with current vendor (3-4ft emerald cedar)

c. Pull from Reserve

- The committee would like to see more than 19 new planters

BIAB-2024.06.40 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DOWNTOWN HERITAGE PERTH BIA ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REQUESTS A PULL FROM RESERVES AS DISCUSSED IN 2020 FOR AN UPSET AMOUNT OF \$12.3K TO REPLACE 15 BARRELS WITH NEW PLANTERS

Moved by John Clement, unanimous

- 7. Next Meeting:** Monday, August 19th, 2024, at 3pm
- 8. Adjournment:** by the Chair at 1:44pm