

**Minutes for the Town of Beaverlodge**

**Community Enhancement Committee Meeting**

**Thursday June 23, 2022 at 9:00AM - CHAIR– Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus – Chair

Gena Jones - Councillor

Cody Moulds - Councillor

Jeff Johnston - CAO

Recording Secretary - Nichole Young

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

- The meeting commenced at 9:02 AM.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**#001-2022-06-23** Councillor Cody Moulds

**CARRIED:** That the Committee accepts the agenda for June 23, 2022 as presented.

**3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**#002-2022-06-23** Councillor Gena Jones

**CARRIED:** That the Committee accepts the Notes from the May 26, 2022 Organizational meeting with the replacement of the word Minutes to Notes.

**4.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

n/a

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

5.1 Operational Procedure for Committee during Member-at-large Recruitment – CAO advised that the Committee operate the same as if there were a full compliment of members, until they achieve the full compliment of membership.

**#003-2022-06-23** Councillor Cody Moulds

**CARRIED:** That the Committee accepts this for information.

5.2 Potential John Wallace Park – This item was referred to the Committee by Council to develop a plan to create this park. The Committee discussed the need to survey and stake the perimeter of the property as the first step. Fall would likely be the soonest time for this to happen. Committee acknowledges that the Beaverlodge Art & Cultural Society has a John Wallace Memorial Garden and that the property was originally given to the Town by Esso in 1965 for a Centennial park in 1967. Firstly, a survey with the results used to design the park, ideally going into Budget 2023. There was also discussion about the Town Welcome signs which are deteriorating and possible rebranding, again with 2023 Budget in mind.

5.3 Information letters/Invitations to local service clubs and organizations – previously these connections came from Town Halls, will discuss having one in the Fall of 2022. Invite to a Town Hall of send invitation letters to meet and discover where each group reaches within the community and where they may overlap. Compose a letter about this Committee and its vision to inform and reach out. Look at youth groups for younger ideas, i.e., Minor hockey, ball and soccer, etc. Request delegations from the groups to attend Town Hall.

**#004-2022-06-23** Councillor Gena Jones

**CARRIED:** That this Committee recommends that Council move ahead and plan a Town Hall meeting for the Fall of 2022 to bring together service clubs and the community at large.

5.4 Member-at-large Applications –

**#005-2022-06-23** Councillor Cody Moulds

**CARRIED:** That the Committee recommends that Council approves the three applications for Members-at-large at the June 27, 2022 Council meeting.

5.5 Committee Meeting Schedule – terms of reference for the Committee indicate minimum one meeting per quarter. Committee will meet informally with Member-at-large applicants over the next few weeks providing Council approves the applicants.

**#006-2022-06-23** Councillor Gena Jones

**CARRIED:** That the Committee would like to amend New Business Item 5.4 to show 3 applicants.

**#007-2022-06-23** Councillor Cody Moulds

**CARRIED:** That the Committee would like to add the 3<sup>rd</sup> applicant to the 5.4 motion for Council approval.

## 5 ROUND TABLE:

- Gena Jones:

- Artwalk was a huge success. Suggestions for improvements for next year include the placement of the food trucks and tables, dust control for the parking lot across the highway as well as perhaps a system where vendors are offered breaks during the day by volunteers.
- More ideas for next time: Community profile booklets, meet and greet new citizens, surveys of attendants, more food trucks, more volunteers, Chamber needs more members and Anna's Restaurant more involved – there was a lot of takeout but perhaps an event related special. Clothing to identify the volunteers would help.
- Beaverlodge & District Chamber of Commerce may be looking at doing a parade during the Fall Fair, perhaps the Town Council or this Committee could do a pancake breakfast?
- Will create and keep a list of volunteers for appreciation at the April Volunteer Awards.

- Acknowledge June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day as well as plan for Sept 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day/ Orange Shirt Day.
  
- Guest – Pat Wearmouth
  - Pat attended because he is very interested in walking trails for the community and had questions about this Committees involvement in getting walking trails done. Would be interested in participating on a possible sub-committee dedicated to walkability. Would like to know if there is any realistic chance something could be in place for this winter? It was recommended that Pat attend a Council meeting with his request.
  
- Cody Moulds:
  - Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee Survey results – Beaverlodge clubs had very little representation with only the Barracudas and the Rebel Volleyball responding to the survey. Recreation & Parks manager Rae Cook sent it to other groups but none responded. Cody will send out the survey results. Items making the Top 5 were Trails, Sports Fields, Outdoor Boarded Ice Rinks, Bike Trails & Parks and Ball Diamonds.
  - Upcoming Memorial Ball Tournament – will write a request for 300 Town pins and tattoos for the participants.
  - Discussion about if Council could sponsor the 3 first place trophies and perhaps be present during the opening of the event when Noah Grants parents will be on hand to throw out the first pitch. Take the request for the Trophies to Council on June 27/22.
  
- Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus:
  - Keep service groups and club contacts up to date
  - Plan for Canada Day 2023 as there is not enough time this year
  - Identifying clothing items for Councillors to wear at events, not the blue Town of Beaverlodge golf shirts. Vests, sweatshirts or hoodies?
  - Blades Jerseys for Councillors – would they wear them? Cody & Jeff will discuss.
  - Firefighters have moved Lobsterfest to the same weekend as the Fall Fair.
  
- ❖ Event list –
  - Art Walk June 10,
  - Noah Grant Memorial Baseball Tournament July 29, 30 & 31
  - Blades Pageant August 20,
  - Fall Fair Sept 10,
  - Lobsterfest September 10,
  - Brogan Cup Sept 17,
  - Christmas Craze December,
  - Truth & Reconciliation Day Sept 30,
  - Canada Day - RCMP & Firefighter Breakfast served by Council?

Next meeting:

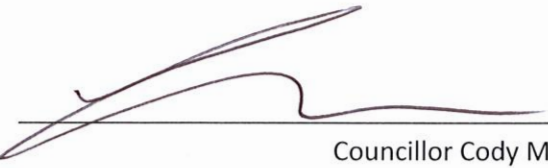
- TBD

**6 ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.



Chair, Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus



Councillor Cody Moulds