

Minutes

Donwood Parks Committee Meeting November 26, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Harvest Room, Douro Community Centre

In attendance: Marc Trudeau (Chair), Councillor Heather Watson, Chris Hickson, Mike Mood

Regrets: Angela Bullock

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – No pecuniary interest was declared.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting from October 29, 2019

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Moved by Chris Hickson, Seconded by Marc Trudeau

Carried.

4.

- a. Funding application update

Councillor Watson provided a verbal update on the status of the Trillium application. The funding application was successful and a report will be going to Council next week to have Council enter into an agreement with the Province.

- b. Project Expenses

Councillor Watson advised that roughly \$5,000 has been spent to date on the project which includes the purchase and installation of new basketball nets, the removal of playground equipment and staff time to attend meetings.

- c. Donwood Community Centre Sale

Although the “Sold” sign is still on the property, it was believed that the sale has closed and that the funds are now available.

There were discussions about being prudent with the funds that are available. Discussions led to creating community partnerships with other organizations and businesses so as to leverage funding to its’ fullest extent.

- d. Daleview Park Sale

Councillor Watson advised that there are still ongoing discussions about the sale of Daleview Park. A meeting is scheduled with residents adjacent to the property.

The committee discussed and agreed that any revenue that could be garnered from the sale of Daleview Park is not going to have any impact on the development of Maryvale and Clintonia Parks and further that it seems more logical to keep the land as green space for the community.

e. Strategic Plan 2020

Conversations then turned to identifying the steps necessary to move forward with the development of the two parks.

Motion: That staff ask the playground equipment vendors to update their quotes on the chosen equipment with the addition of a swing set.

**Moved by: Chris Hickson, Seconded by: Councillor Watson
Carried.**

Motion: That staff obtain a quote to restore the existing swing set.

**Moved by: Councillor Watson, Seconded by: Marc Trudeau
Carried.**

Motion: That Councillor Watson work with staff to engage Otonabee Conservation to move forward with permitting for Clintonia and Maryvale parks.

**Moved by: Councillor Watson, Seconded by: Chris Hickson
Carried.**

It was noted that ORCA offered to plant trees along the creek bed.

Motion: That staff engage with local businesses regarding the landscaping of Maryvale Park;

And further that staff obtain quotes for two benches for Maryvale Park.

**Moved by: Marc Trudeau, Seconded by: Councillor Watson
Carried.**

Motion: That staff obtain updated quotes on engineered wood chips.

**Moved by: Marc Trudeau, Seconded by: Chris Hickson
Carried.**

f. New Business

Staff advised that the Recreation Committee would like to know what is happening with the Donwood Parks committee. The Chair advised that the community is invited to attend our public meetings.

5. Correspondence – None.

6. Closed Session – None.

7. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

**Moved by Chris Hickson, Seconded by: Councillor Watson
Carried.**

There will be no meeting in December.

Next meeting: January 29, 2020 6:30 p.m. Harvest Room, Donwood Community Centre