

Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Working Group – Omemee
Wednesday January 31, 2018 at 7 pm
Coronation Hall, Omemee

Attendance: Julie Kellett, Matthew Hutchinson, Leisha Newton, Debra Soule, Mary Ann Martin, Heather Grassie, Barry Marr, Patrick Daley, Gerard Jillesen, Simon Wickens, Bill McQuade, Judy Coward

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 Wednesday January 31, 2018 at the Omemee Coronation Hall.

Mary Ann Martin motion for the adoption of the agenda and it was second my Julie Kellett.

There was a declaration of Pecuniary Interest and there was no conflict of interested from anyone.

There was no minutes as this was the first meeting of the Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Working Group – Omemee

Bob from City of Kawartha Lakes provided an introduction of the Committee. He said that there are 35 activities for Omemee to complete. The 35 activities are available on the City of Kawartha Lakes Website.

Bob explained why we have this committee of council. He said that it is ran by two chairs. (Julie Kellett and Matthew Hutchinson) This is to keep the city accountable to the projects. The working group is to share the progress of the project with the public.

Judy Coward added that some of the responsibility of completing the project is the city and some by the committee. The plan created is a 5 year plan.

Debra Soule from City of Kawartha Lakes presented the wayfinding signs for Omemee and also the mural project. They are going to be installed in the spring once the weather turns nice. The wayfinding signs are red guitars. They are two sided. 4x8 maps are being installed at the trail, library and boat launch. There is also an audio walking tour. There is 15 stops with stories about Omemee. There are walking tours for Lindsay, Omemee and Fenelon Falls.

Road Work is being planned. The scope of the road work depends on the funding provided. The road work will keep in mind the streetscape and sidewalk plans created.

Leisha Newton then presented the Downtown Dreams Contest. This is for the four downtowns to attract new business or for an existing business to expand. The contestants are going to receive training and mentorship. At the end there are going to be four winners, one for each of the communities. Website is downtowndreams.org.

Julie Kellett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mary Ann Martin second.