

Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee Meeting
Minutes
26 February, 2018
59 River Dr., Fenelon Falls

Attendees: Chris Handley, Sandra Barrett, Mike Barkwell, Bob Pennock, Brian Rump, John McLennan, Councillors Doug Elmslie and Steve Strangway, (by phone) Craig Backman

Regrets: Craig Shanks

Guest: Chris Appleton, Downtown Revitalization rep

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda as amended by adding "Board Structure and Election" as 5 (a)

Moved by Brian, seconded by Bob Passed.

- 3 Pecuniary Interest - None registered

- 4 Approval of the Minutes of 26 September, 2017

Moved by Sandra and seconded by Brian Passed

5. Board Structure – Election of Executive

Committee Chair – Chris Handley was nominated by Sandra, seconded by Steve – Passed

Vice Chair and Secretary – Mike Barkwell was nominated by Doug, seconded by Brian -- Passed

Business Arising from the Minutes

- b) Splash Pad – Doug, Bob, Chris

The splash pad has been successfully completed, winterized and ready for the spring opening. The engineering structural report for the Munchie Hut revealed that the concrete pad was not suitable for renovating. The recommendation is to tear down the present structure and to build new.

Accordingly, the CKL and Rotary Club will refurbish the washrooms, change room and build showers outside for this summer, with an anticipated OEDP grant of \$25,000.

In the fall, phase 3 will be to obtain estimates immediately for the demolition and re-building of the building (Munchie Hut), and to re-apply for OEDP funding, estimated at \$70,000 to have the new facility ready for 2019.

Motion : Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee of Council requests that Council approve \$25,000 in partnership funding to rebuild the Munchie Hut in 2019, subject to suitable estimates being received and approved. Moved by Brian, seconded by Sandra -- Passed

c) Lighting of the Falls – Bob

Bob continues to move forward with this proposal and is in communication with the donor.

d) Lower Gorge – Doug and Chris

Chris Appleton continues to be the lead and the point of contact for several of our local groups and committees with interest in the betterment of the grounds and facilities associated with the locks in Fenelon. Chris A. has met with David Martin and Jewel, coordinating the recommendations and volunteer commitments that the locals would like to share with the TSW. Unfortunately, the TSW has made a management decision to focus on implementing infrastructure funding along the Trent Canal systems. We have been informed all staff time will be required for this infrastructure phase and as such TSW will be unable to partner with the community on special projects of any kind, including visitor experience items. New infrastructure, dams, locks, canal repairs is the focus for TSW. The Rideau System is presently renewing their master plan and TSW revisions will follow thereafter, so including new items in their regular maintenance schedule is also unlikely in the short term. We have seen this over the winter in Fenelon. This diminishes the funds available for local improvements, such as those that we are supporting. He anticipates that there will be no local funds for a long time.

Undeterred, Chris A. has a meeting scheduled for the day following this meeting to talk with Beth McEachan, real estate Manager, to discuss how their asset management plan can consider normal maintenance of roadway, stairs, the underpass, landscaping, fencing. Mary McLeod is scheduling a site visit with Chris in the spring.

Chris H. will circulate Chris A.'s report and updates to the committee as they progress.

e) Train Bridge Rehabilitation

Chris reports that 2 engineers will look at the open/close function of the bridge in the spring.

f) Park Benches

Bob reports that the CKL through the Downtown Revitalization Committee has no funds that can go towards benches. He will continue to search for private funding for such a project.

Doug commented that the CKL does have funds in the capital budget for an engineering study of Colborne St. in 2018, which, if recommended would provide furniture as part of any changes that are recommended and provided in 2019.

g) Notice of Motion

As accurate quotes and estimates have now been received:

Motion: Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee of Council requests that Council approves up to \$10,000 from our budget as a contribution to the rehabilitation and erection of the Fenelon sign on the Fenelon Falls and District Chamber of Commerce property in 2018.

Moved by John, seconded by Mike

Passed

6. New Business

a) Sculptures on the Waterfront

Chris A. described a new project being discussed that the CKL provide a base for local sculptors to display their artwork (which will be jury approved) for sale or just for fun along the waterfront. Will keep us informed.

b) Tourist Signage – Way Finding

The Fenelon Falls Chamber of Commerce will be applying to the OEDP for matching funds for 7 fixed, directional signs for the village. The CKL is supporting the application.

Motion: Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee of Council requests that the Council approve up to \$14,350 from our budget as a contribution to the Fenelon Falls Chamber of Commerce for matching funds to the OEDP for 7 way finding directional signs for the village of Fenelon Falls.

Moved by Doug, seconded by Brian

Passed

7. Next Meeting

At the call of the Chair.

8. Adjournment 6:35 pm

Chris Handley (Chair)

Mike Barkwell (Vice Chair)