

c) Lower Gorge Redevelopment– Doug and Chris

Chris discussed his vision with the group for what he terms Lower George Redevelopment - an ambitious, long term vision for enhancing and pedestrianizing the lower gorge. Specifically, this includes a) Docking on South Side of Gorge, b) Docking on North Side of Gorge, c) Enhancements to Clifton Park, d) a pedestrian bridge over the gorge and e) an accessible pathway from the park to the docking on the north side of the gorge. The group agreed these would all be exciting additions for Fenelon Falls.

To facilitate discussion and as a means to pursue land acquisition and determine priority, Chris suggested Powerlinks proceed with design and engineering for these projects to assist with scope and budget. The committee agreed, save for engineering. It was felt that aspect of the project should be researched individually only after community partners come forward in support of the project. It was suggested that the committee focus on design concept only at this time.

Motion: that the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee of Council requests Council approve \$25,000 to be released from the Powerlinks Fund for the purpose of providing a design study and illustrations of envisioned improvements to the Fenelon Falls Lower Gorge area.

Moved by Doug, seconded by Bob Carried

It was further recognized by the committee that some land acquisition may be required to facilitate the complete build out of that vision. Chris asked Steve Strangway to lead a task force to investigate current ownership of the subject lands and discuss requirements for receiving these lands by donation or otherwise for the purpose of facilitating these community improvements.

d) Train Bridge Rehabilitation -- Chris

The swing bridge is owned by the CKL, is functional, but needs some TLC. The TSW sees it as being operational by others, not them, and is okay if it has the suitable navigational lights, signage as required by Transport Canada and if it does not negatively impact on boat and visitor traffic. It is unknown exactly what up-grades or repairs it may need to become functional. It might be possible to hire summer students to operate it.

Chris will talk with Chris Appleton to set out an approach with the TSW.

e) Park Benches – Bob, Doug

Bob reported that the meeting with Fenelon Forward was mainly informational for them. Also that the CKL will be doing the engineering study on streetscaping in 2019 and benches is a part of that plan. Safety is a major consideration of the CKL. There has been a large number of memorial butterfly benches purchased and placed around the village. He will continue to formulate a marketing plan, possibly with the Downtown Revitalization committee.

f) Marquee Sign – Doug

The sign is installed, lighted and hugely successful, both in the opening night, with tourists, cottagers, boaters and locals. It is considered a major community success story in having retained a large piece of history and being restored with local donations and club support.

g) Status of the Fountain -- Bob

It would be problematic to install the fountain in the gorge. Above the falls would likely spray cars crossing the bridge when there are winds. Below the falls there is too high a water flow. There is also some pushback from the TSW on the possible interference with boat traffic. Bob is looking into a possible location at the beach.

h) Tourist Signage – Wayfinding – Chris

Directional Signage project is nearly complete. Stones were approved by CKL in early fall and erected by Jackett shortly thereafter. Unfortunately, it became too wet and too late to be able to etch the stones safely in the fall so this will have to be completed in the spring. Thank you to the FFDCC for leading this project.

6. New Business

Informational Items

Rain Garden – the Horticultural Society has made this as a filter for rain water across from the Museum. They are considering expanding it and may be asking us to share the \$15,000 expected cost to do so.

Boxwood Park Garden – Kathy Armstrong of the Horticultural Society has some concerns that there are several dying trees, a deteriorating staircase with some stone steps needing replacement, some invasive species and a retaining wall needing repair.

7. Chris has invited the committee to his home at 6 pm on December 14th to join together for dinner. Please let him know if you are able to attend. Thanks, Chris!

7. Next Meeting

At the call of the Chair.

8. Adjournment 6:45 pm

Chris Handley (Chair)

Mike Barkwell (Vice Chair)