

Planning Advisory Committee

June 20, 2018

6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Councillor Simon Lawand, Chair
Mayor Danny MacGillivray
Councillor Susan Campbell
Don Taylor
Rachael McLean
Susan Higdon, Town Clerk (ex-officio)

Also in attendance: Paul Corbin, Community Development & Recreation
Blaine Murray, Town Engineer

The Committee met at 5:30 to tour the potential trail between River St. and Bridge Ave.

1. Call to Order

Councillor Lawand called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Seconded by Mayor MacGillivray

“That the agenda be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2018

Moved by Mayor MacGillivray

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

“That the minutes of May 16, 2018 be approved.” Motion carried.

4. Mine’s Site

Town Engineer provided an update regarding the mine site. The conceptual and street layout is from 2005. The orientation of the streets have changed since that time. Blaine will get the topographical survey that surrounds the mine. The map from 2107 illustrates the land owned by commercial, DND and pioneer Coal. There are different possibilities that the lands could be used for. The committee discussed numerous opportunities. Paul will look into environmental and sustainability grants for the potential development of a land forest around the track. Blaine will look at the study that was done in 2005.

Councillor Lawand suggested that in September a more substantial plan will have to be developed on what ideas can be done; land forests; residential area, etc., Blaine and Rachael to map out the areas, and Paul will send the survey results to Rachael.

5. Updates

a. **George Munroe Grant Interpretive Panel**

Susan Higdon noted that her, Blaine Murray and Paul Corbin met with John Ashton on the details on the panel for George Munroe Grant. They also discussed the panels for Olympic Park. They will be branded in similar fashion. Susan noted that he has been doing research and asking via facebook for information from citizens. He should have something by July. Councillor Lawand noted as well that the kiosk is also being finalized as well.

b. **Fairview St. Review**

A recommendation of Lauzon was suggested by David Gordon. Rachael noted that there are no regulations as to what it could be regarding Drive or Street. .

Moved by Mayor MacGillivray

Seconded by D. Taylor

"That a recommendation be made to Council to change the name of Fairview St to Lauzon." Motion carried.

Rachael will determine the proper suffix for council's consideration.

c. **Trail Connection between River St. and Bridge Ave.**

A tour was conducted before the meeting. Blaine will get quotes of the costs, Paul will determine funding opportunities and Rachael will work on the details of land issues.

d. **Roundabout Sign**

Rachael presented a few sketches of her concept for the sign. She was unaware that there was approval to be in the middle of the roundabout. She will touch base with Troy Webb on the details of the regulations. She will also speak with Darren Martin on some creative ideas on how to work together. There is a grant available under the province that the Town will apply for which could contribute up to \$10,000.00.

e. **Bridge over Bear Brook**

The price given at the time was the actual price used for the trail bridge near the Wellness Center last year. It's similar in length, height and was designed to handle a sidewalk machine.

Blaine met with NSTIR regarding options and procedures. There are 2 options available:

1. Cantilever off the existing structure;
2. Separate structure;

Either option will require assessing the existing wing walls owned by NSTIR. Option 1 would involve the assessment of the existing bridge. He would think option 1 would be cheaper if the assessment proves we can do that.

The next step would be to get quotes from a structural engineering consultant to do the assessment and provide construction estimates. Council would have to approve the consulting fees. Once the design is complete the design would be submitted to NSTIR and NSE for approval. At this stage council will have a construction cost estimate in which a decision can be made whether or not to proceed. Once approved we would go out to tender.

f. Skate Board Park

Council has approved a needs assessment.

6. Other Business

D. Taylor noted that he had been speaking with Mr. Chisholm at Pioneer Coal regarding the open pit. He had mentioned the concept of Extreme Sports. There is nothing like that currently in Pictou County. D. Taylor asked if there are regulations about being near the water tower by the track because that would be another perfect spot for a trail. That is 800 ft above sea level and you can see a lot from up there.

He asked if the Town could put signs out on the trails that are affected by ticks. Susan will ask Paul to look into this.

D. Taylor commented on Allen Park parking and how it is an issue during busy times. He is wondering if a French drain can be done from the gate down to the path in to the gazebo. He did the measurements and about 40 cars can fit in there. Councillor Lawand will take a look and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting Date/Time

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18 beginning at 6:00 PM.

There will be no meeting in August.

8. Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Campbell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15.