

**Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee Minutes
February 9, 2010
Council Chambers**

Present

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm, Chair
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor D. Roberts
M. Amit
A. Arnold
L. Jewkes
D. Miller
A. Murray
O. Landry
B. Wainright

D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by A. Murray

“That the Agenda be approved with additions.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

O. Landry noted that she did not agree to compile a list of trees that required maintenance as identified by H. Steeghs.

Councillor D. Roberts noted that she had sent her Regrets for the last meeting.

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by M. Amit

“That the Minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2010, be approved as amended.” Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Student Service Learning re Trails and Historical Building Pamphlets

M. Amit noted that the disc containing information regarding Historical Walking Tours is in PDF format and therefore cannot be changed. She has requested a disk in a different format and will continue work on the brochure.

For the benefit of those not present at the last meeting, CAO D. Kampen circulated a copy of the pamphlet presented at that meeting for review. M. Amit noted another brochure is planned featuring a similar format but featuring arts and architecture.

- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) Grant
CAO D. Kampen distributed a list of potential projects for consideration which included projects still requiring completion. The list was reviewed and the following noted:

Projects Not Completed in Initial Application:

- Solar lighting for both Chisholm Park and Cairn Park – planting design and flower beds; encourage Clans to plant.
- Pavers for walkways in Chisholm Park and Cairn Park.
- Historical Markers – A. Arnold noted that a Marker was placed in Chisholm Park and Cairn Park; however, the one in the Cairn Park has disappeared. A. Murray agreed to try to see if it may be lying around on the ground in the area.
- It was generally agreed not to include the Gazebo at Chisholm Park as work to it should be considered regular maintenance.
- Mural in Antigonish Tartan – A. Murray noted G. Humphries would be open to the idea of the tartan, and that a number of people could work on the mural at the same time.
- Improvements to sign at Town entrance – CAO D. Kampen noted if signage is to be included she would need some examples. It was suggested the Town Engineer or Town Planner could probably assist in this regard.
- Former Petro Canada Site – A. Arnold noted that the bushes in front of this site are on Town-owned lands and suggested tall grasses which could last all Winter be planted in this area.
- Planters at St. Ninian Street at Main Street (Site of former Cenotaph) - include as part of project.
- Casings for original Fire Engine and Horse and Farmer at Chisholm Park – Fire Engine will not form part of new Library; plexi-glass required for Horse and Farmer (Admiral Auto could supply estimate).
- Permanent planters along Whidden Bridge – also include College Street and Church Street Bridges and new Canal Bridge.
- Lighting for Whidden Bridge – re-use lighting from Canal Bridge re bridge replacement.
- Security cameras for Whidden Bridge – also include bridges at College Street and Church Street, new Canal Bridge and other areas.
- Garden at entrance to hospital – Remove - M. Amit to approach St. Martha's Regional Hospital.
- Plaques: historical of early Antigonish pioneers and identification of historical buildings – already included.
- Kiosks downtown – six (6) to be considered at approximately \$3,000.00 each – Church Street, Hawthorne Street, College/Main Street, James Street, Columbus Field area, Chisholm Park. A. Murray suggested the design of the Museum roof be used.
- Snowflakes for Main Street lamp posts – Seasonal lighting; thirty-six (36) lamp posts. Anticipated costs were discussed. Celtic knots for Main Street lamp posts - to be included in conjunction with Snowflakes.
- Water fountain at Chisholm Park – generally agreed to move fountain from new Library to Chisholm Park.
- New signage throughout Town – include.
- Flower beds in Chisholm Park and Cairn Park – include.
- Archways – remove.
- Look-off at Cairn Park – remove.
- Trail study designating areas for the plaques (mentioned above) – remove.
- Re-furbishing of the existing wood statues – remove.
- Interpretative panels at Chisholm Park and Cairn Park – remove.
- Benches at the upper section of Chisholm Park – remove.

Additional suggestions included:

- Bike racks – include. Wheelbarrows for planting also considered; however, merchants would have to take ownership.
- Develop trail along the river from Chisholm Park to the area of Shoppers Drug Mart® perhaps with picnic area/table.
- Banners for all four (4) Seasons – 36 lamp posts.

The Committee then reviewed estimate costs CAO D. Kampen provided for individual projects, a breakdown of funding, and sources for in-kind contributions.

- Evaluation - Communities in Bloom
To be discussed at a future meeting.

Correspondence

- Resignation of M. Gabrieau

The Chair advised that she had received a letter advising that M. Gabrieau was resigning from the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee.

Moved by A. Amit

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“To recommend to Council to accept the resignation of Mr. M. Gabrieau and be advised that the Chair of the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee will write a letter of thanks to M. Gabrieau for his past involvement and support.” Motion carried.

Other Business

- Cultural Capital of Canada Project (M. Amit)

The Chair noted this matter had come up by way of discussions with the Cultural Round-Table group.

M. Amit advised the Committee on the purpose and scope of the Cultural Capital of Canada Project. She noted federal grants are available from \$500,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 (plus cost-sharing), depending on the population of the community. M. Amit reported that a small committee from the Cultural Round-Table group is currently looking at what needs to be done in order for the Antigonish Highland Games to possibly receive this grant in celebration of their 150th Anniversary in 2013. She noted details on the application are being reviewed with a view to having the application submitted this Fall. M. Amit noted that no community in Nova Scotia has yet received such a grant and that the funds can only be used for cultural projects.

Moved by D. Miller

Seconded by B. Wainright

“To recommend to Council to support in principle an application to be submitted to the Department of Canadian Heritage - Cultural Capitals of Canada.” Motion carried.

- Monthly Article in The Casket

CAO D. Kampen advised that she had contacted The Casket with respect to having periodic articles of interest about the Town placed in a column in the newspaper, but did not receive a positive response. She further noted that the Mayor and Warden will have further discussion on this and other matters at an upcoming quarterly meeting with the newspaper staff.

- Budget Items

The Chair advised she would have further budget information for the next meeting.

- Duties of Gardener

CAO D. Kampen noted she is scheduled to meet with the Gardener, C. Griffiths, tomorrow. It was generally agreed that he needs to take a more balanced approach in carrying out his duties.

The scope of work for the Gardener was reviewed and it was noted that in the past there was some confusion as to who gives him direction. It was noted that currently, T. Cameron, Recreation Director, is supervising him but does not wish to continue to do so. CAO D. Kampen noted she would be discussing this with C. Griffiths. She noted his term of employment would be from mid-April through mid-September 2010, for a total of twenty-one (21) weeks.

Copies of the Scope of Work for the Gardener and Maintenance and Repairs needed to Town Property were reviewed and the following was noted:

- Flower Beds (Additional Duties)
 - Plant annuals at various parks and other beds
 - Plant alley-way boxes/sidewalk planters in consultation with Pleasant Valley Nurseries
- Trees
 - C. Griffiths to carry out item 'H' in conjunction with B. Wainright
 - Item 'I' to be carried out over a period of time
 - Add 'Other duties as required'
- Maintenance and Repairs needed to Town Property (Additional Work Required)
 - Repair sidewalk pavers
 - Repaint Church Street Bridge
 - College Street Bridge Approaches in need of paint
 - Several planters in parking lot to the rear of the 5-\$1.00 Store in need of repair. Note: Caution to be taken not to damage birch trees in planters
 - Repaint 'Welcome to Antigonish' sign and gazebo at Chisholm Park. Note: A. Murray has the paint colours required (burgundy/yellow/green)

M. Amit requested CAO D. Kampen determine if C. Griffiths is able to take one week off during the summer months and return in October to prepare for the Winter Season and plant bulbs.

- Important Jobs/Dates for Public Works

A. Arnold provided a list to the Committee and CAO D. Kampen will discuss with Ken Proctor, P.Eng., Town Engineer.

- Graffiti Policy (CAO D. Kampen)

CAO D. Kampen noted that J. Nauss of Halifax Regional Municipality had suggested that, as a start, a Policy be developed with respect to graffiti, and questioned whether the Committee would like her to do so.

Moved by M. Amit

Seconded by A. Murray

“To recommend CAO D. Kampen draft a Graffiti Policy for review at a future meeting.” Motion carried.

- 3-Slot Recycling Stations

D. Miller reported that he had approached local financial institutions in an effort to garner sponsorships for sorting stations however the \$7,000.00 figure he was using was too pricey. CAO D. Kampen advised that the cost for the sorting stations is more in the order of \$3,000.00, including shipping. She agreed to e-mail D. Miller with the costs.

- Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) Community Sponsorship

The Chair advised that as part of Communities in Bloom, the Town may be eligible to apply for cost-sharing up to \$500.00 toward the cost of 3-slot recycling stations through the RRFB Community Sponsorship Program.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by M. Amit

“That the Town apply for funding for Communities in Bloom under the Resource Recovery Fund Board’s Community Sponsorship Program.” Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by O. Landry

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.