

**Community Enhancement Committee Notes
Town Council Chambers
October 13, 2021 – 5:00 PM**

Present

Councillor A. Murray, Chair
Adam Baden-Clay
Anuj Jain
O. Landry

Also Present

S. Scannell, Director of Community Development
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Absent with Regret

Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor M. Farrell

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Due to the lack of a quorum the Agenda could not be approved.

Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum the Minutes of the June 8, 2021, Community Enhancement Committee meeting could not be approved.

Business from Minutes

- Mural Program (Update)

Chair, A. Murray noted a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow for the winner of the mural contest to present her artwork, and it was noted the mural is to be erected on the REMAX building.

S. Scannell stated he had met with Antigonish Culture Alive regarding a mural partnership, with the intent of the Town allotting funds for them to expand the program. Antigonish Culture Alive is to come back with a scope of how they would use funds toward public art in the public. Another meeting is scheduled for later this month. S. Scannell expanded on the details.

- James Street Beautification (Update) Downtown Core Enhancements (Update)

S. Scannell noted the Committee's ideas had been integrated into a funding application to the province, which was delayed due to the election (as well as the Downtown Core Enhancements). It was noted a funding announcement is expected soon. Details were provided on a plan that would include, planters, picnic tables, art, and improvements to Drummer's Corner, etc.

The Chair noted the Town's flower baskets barely survived a water ban, but still didn't look that great (in his opinion). He noted trees in the downtown flourished this year and expanded on the details. Details were provided on abandoning most flower baskets other than bridges and Town Hall (no businesses), and instead do quite large planters along the downtown core and eventually James Street.

The Committee was provided with the opportunity to view the new self-watering planters. Details on consideration given to the locations for the new planters was provided. A plan for the locations was presented.

S. Scannell noted the initial cost for the planters would be covered by a grant, along with savings by no longer purchasing baskets. Savings might also be found in the watering contract. Brief discussion took place on the watering and litter collection contracts.

The Chair provided comment on two alley locations along Main Street and details that would be included to improve them.

The Committee provided positive comment regarding the proposed plans.

- Landing Signage (Update)

S. Scannell spoke to the Antigonish Landing signage noting he had met with a County employee to discuss upgrades the County was considering. Following an initial clean-up of the area, it was generally agreed that the Town would work on a maintenance agreement with the County. He noted there is general agreement to look at other considerations for upgrades such as signage, butterfly area, etc.

New Business

- Community Enhancement Priorities

S. Scannell referred to previous discussion as to the direction of the Committee and priorities. He referred to past efforts to prioritize projects. It is anticipated that moving forward it is anticipated that the Committee will try to refine an approach to 2 or 3 areas that can be focused on. He expanded on the details.

It was noted that a re-cap of this evening's discussion would take place at the next meeting.

Brief discussion took place.

At 6:02 PM A. Jain joined the meeting.

At 6:08 the meeting was adjourned.