

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Housing and Grants Committee
held on October 4, 2012 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office, Cardiff, Ontario.**

Members Present:

Sandra Bramham
Kathy Rogers
Mark Bramham
Howard Anderson

Staff/Advisory Members Present:

Secretary, Irene S. Cook
Peter Fredricks

Regrets:

Chair, Steven Kauffeldt
Paula Pepping
Fire Chief, Bill Wingrove

Open Meeting

As the Chair was absent the committee requested that a voting member come forward and act as Chair the meeting. Kathy Rogers was voted to chair of the meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

A quorum was present.

Guests:

Elois Somerville
Joan Barton

Agenda Adopted

The agenda was adopted.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes were approved.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

DELEGATIONS:

Ken Noble, Essonville Church

Ken Noble discussed with the committee the Essonville Church. They took over the Church from the township many years ago but it is still owned by the Municipality. The Church was built in 1880 from pine trees that was taken from the lot and sawn at a local sawmill. The building has been slowly deteriorating but this past year it has gotten worse. The foundation is no longer level and tipping down about 4 – 6”. They contacted Don Koppin, who did the work for the Railway Station in Bancroft. Mr. Koppin came out and met with them three times and took a look at the foundation. The structure needs to be looked at first to determine the extent of the remedial work. Mr. Koppin provided an estimate of \$16,000 for them to evaluate. Steve was going to research New Horizons to see if there are any grants available. The committee discussed the different kinds of grants; Trillium – will not fund renovations to a place of worship unless it is designated a heritage site, Canada Cultural Spaces – do not fund historic building unless directly related to heritage program and HCDC is tied to economic development only.

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- **To do's:** Kathy will research on how to go about establishing the Church as a Heritage site and will also talk to Hilda Clark
- **To do's:** Irene to put on the November agenda further discussion on the Essonville Church

Joan Barton said that because this is a municipal owned building the municipality should take some responsibility for it.

Ontario Tire Stewardship

Council passed a resolution authorizing an application to the Ontario Tire Stewardship. Jim Alden has been checking into possible projects and keeps hitting stumbling blocks (can't use this for parking lot, can't use for the arena). Kathy suggested shingling the roof at the Curling Rink and will speak to Jim Alden about this.

Sustainable Building Design Construction 2013 -Fundraising for new library in Wilberforce

Irene mentioned that Council passed a resolution authorizing an expression of interest for sustainable building and design for new library in Wilberforce. We have no word back from Fleming College as of yet. The committee will need to look at fundraising or possible means of raising money for this project if approved. It could cost up to \$175,000 for the project.

Places for People Committee Volunteer

Steve sitting on committee temporarily and this was deferred from last meeting. No one interested in sitting on the committee.

Potential municipal land for development

This was deferred from the last meeting. As Steve was not in attendance so it will be back on the November agenda.

Work weekend for Community Garden September 15th and 16th

Trees have been cut down but brush is still to be removed. There is firewood stacked and available for someone to use or we could sell to raise money. Megan Stong, Haliburton Health Unit was contacted and advised the wood is available but no word back. It was stressed that safety is extremely important. The committee discussed the need for volunteers to have all safety equipment, training, etc. before they help out. Need to have someone run the chipper that has the required training.

- **To do's:** Kathy to check to see if they want firewood and give them an October 20th deadline and advise Irene if they are taking it
- **To do's:** Irene to ask Glen if want firewood for landfill shelter if they don't get the firewood
- **To do's:** Mark to contact Hugh to see if he would volunteer to run the chipper and find out his schedule. Mark will let Irene know when Hugh is available and pass the information on to the members for the next work weekend.

Fundraising report

The fundraising efforts raised \$45.53 but did give the Housing and Grants Committee public exposure.

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“Brain Storming Session” - Committee suggestions

Kathy discussed that we need to start looking at housing projects and maybe get some building plans ready so that if funding opportunities come available we would have a plan in place. Coe Hill now has a brand new four-plex that is interesting.

- **To do's:** Irene to put this on the next meeting agenda

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1st, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cardiff Municipal Office. Irene mentioned that she will not be at the November 1st meeting and Peter will take the minutes. Someone will need to get the keys to office prior to the meeting.

Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chair

Irene Cook, Secretary

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