

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Committee Members: Jim Gibson, Pat McGurran

Council Reps: Mayor Grills

Staff: Crystal Fischer, Jesse Gagnon

Chairperson: David Balla-Boudreau

Absent: Ken Giroux, John Miller

Guest: Ernie Villeneuve

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting – May 10th, 2022

Moved by Pat McGurran Seconded by Jim Gibson

Accepted as presented.

3. Unfinished Business

a) LaCroix Park

Andy and Dave visited the site and sent a letter to the Clerk.

There is a concern of a 3-4 inch unlevelled dip at the left hand corner. Do not want to have any safety concerns.

Ernie visited the site on June 12th with a level and the dock is level. May be dependent on water levels. The way the chains are set up may not leave enough freedom for dock to rise enough when water is higher. Would have to add another concrete anchor to fix the chain set up, or loosen a few links in the chain. Will continue to watch throughout the summer.

Mooring cleats will be installed today; there have been issues with stock in local stores. The cleats needed to be ordered.

Jesse will take a look at the dock to see if a board can be installed to guide people when launching their boat, so they do not hit the launch.

The dock extension that was on the old dock is too long to put back onto the new dock because it extends too close to the current; could be used at Stonecliffe launch.

When moving the dock at LaCroix Park in the fall, it cannot be done alone; it is too large.

Play structure still expected to arrive in the fall. Landscaping expected to occur over the next two weeks.

b) Street Lighting

There will be an increase of \$100 for each site. Waiting for decision of Council on June 21st if they will proceed with closure of Dunlop Crescent or installation of a streetlight. Material will be ordered and then costing will be guaranteed.

Are we prepared to deal with complaints from local residents who may have lights shining in their houses at night?

Action: Clerk to check to see if the lights are adjustable or if shades can be added if complaints are received.

c) Closure of Dunlop Crescent

Recommendation to Council: to re-consider the closure of Dunlop Crescent based on the cost; in excess of \$100,000.

d) Ongoing MTO Correspondence

Recommendation to Council: to have sign installed at Pine Valley Road on south side – east bound traffic. Sign is missing.

Jesse visited the Mackey Boat Launch and MTO has already trimmed; there is still more cutting required. It didn't open the line of sight up very much. Tree service has quoted \$3000 to remove approximately 40 trees.

Action: Clerk to check with MTO that we can go ahead with permission to clear.

Recommendation to Council: continue with process to get pricing and permission from MTO.

4. New Business

a) Old Mackey Park Improvements

New horseshoe pits will be installed and more sand added to swings before Canada Day as well as more brushing at the park.

BBQs -

Not in favour or having a BBQ left at OMP for safety and fire prevention, theft etc.

Recommendation to Council: to not leave BBQs down at OMP.

Would be nice to have brushing done on either side of the steps, starting to loose sight lines of water. It was mentioned in the past to have a walking trail installed from the steps along the shoreline to the canoe launching.

Action: Jim will look and see what would be required to create a walking trail.

Power at OMP – was discussed early on in the committee. This is a lower priority item at the moment.

5. Questions and Answers

Bins at landfill sites – bins should be emptied. Staff already have plans to have the summer student assist with emptying bins.

6. Adjournment – 10:41 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: August 9th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.