



Huron East/Brussels Community Development Trust



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*Huron East/Brussels Community Development Trust meeting
Monday, December 30th, 2019 - 7:30pm
Brussels Library – Community Room*

Present: John Lowe, Paul Mutter, Joe Seili, Kathy Sebastian, Mike Thomas, Paul Nichol

Absent: Zoey Onn **Guests:** none

Call to Order: Called by Chair Kathy Sebastian at 7:30pm.

Agenda: *Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Joe Seili: "To accept the agenda as presented." Motion carried.*

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: none

Deputations: none

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: *Moved by Joe Seili and seconded by Paul Nichol: "To accept the minutes of September 12th, 2019 meeting as circulated." Motion carried.*

Financial Report:

As prepared by Huron East Treasurer Paula Michiels. Emailed out to group with agenda on December 24th.
\$15,991.58

- Manulife account: \$19,016.11 as at December 17, 2019 including accrued interest and 1 deposit of investment interest of \$1,290.
- 6 GICs held at Sholdice Financial in the amount of \$535,000.
- Total funds available: \$554,016.11
 - \$15,991.58 owing to Huron East for new electronic sign as of September 4, 2019
 - \$500 donation received from Brussels Pharmacy
 - \$15,491.58 balancing owing for sign as of December 17, 2019
- Original Trust established on September 7, 2001 with an opening balance of \$529,150.23.

Moved by Paul Nichol and seconded by Mike Thomas: "That the treasurer's report be accepted as presented." Motion carried.

Correspondence:

John was contacted by Toyon Banjoko owner-pharmacist at Brussels Pharmacy. He was very interested in helping the community he was going to be operating a business in and wished to support the new electronic sign financially.

Old Business:

MVCA Park/Playground upgrades: – No updates.

Electronic sign: Installed on December 16th. Gabel Electric was present approx. 3hrs to hook up and rewire to dongle to the closet in the OPP office. This was the best location for access.

John suggested creating an email address for the public to contact us to have events placed on the sign. In addition, the Trust could utilize the Brussels Bulletin Board on Facebook to get the word out. It was recommended by John to keep BMG Community Centre facility manager Abi Corbett as a programmer. Joe had stated Debbie Seili is willing to continue as a programmer. John also offered to do so. John will create the Gmail address and post the contact info on the Brussels Bulletin Board.

Further discussion on whom is allowed to post. It was suggested that non-profit, service/community groups have free usage. If businesses were to approach regarding advertising, or public contact us for birthday/anniversary greetings that a small fee be applied. We will readdress the cost at next meeting.

Moved by Joe Seili and seconded by Mike Thomas: "That the HE/Brussels Community Development Trust purchase the electronic sign from Artech Signs & Graphics of Seaforth in the amount of \$15,715 plus HST totalling \$17,757.95." Note: net purchase after municipal HST rebate is \$15,991.

Moved by Paul Mutter and seconded by John Lowe: "To have Gabel Electric of Listowel to relocate/update sign wiring within the Medical-Dental building, assist installing the new electronic sign and to pay their bill as it presents." Motion Carried.

Donations towards sign: \$500 received from Brussels Pharmacy in September; Mike submitted a cheque of \$500 from the Brussels Optimist. Paul Mutter will attend the Optimist meeting on January 13th for a proper presentation. John is attending the Brussels Lions meeting on January 13th to receive a \$4000 cheque. The Legion has promised \$1000 and that presentation will be arranged. It is desired to have all 4 photos submitted to The Citizen along with a write-up.

Discussion about the updating the sponsors currently listed on the sign. It was suggested to create our own logo with the old Village of Brussels beaver in addition to having the Legion, Lions, Optimist logos and to remove the Recreation logo.

Moved by Paul Nichol and seconded by Joe Seili: "To contact H creates graphic design and have a logo produced with the words 'Brussels Trust Fund' encircling the Village of Brussels beaver." Motion Carried.

Moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Paul Mutter: "To have Artech Signs create a new dual-sided sign made with our new Trust logo, and the Lions, Legion and Optimist club logos." Motion Carried.

BMG Community Centre upgrades: Application for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant has been submitted. Springtime announcement likely.

Butterfly Garden:

John reported the directions from last meeting towards Wingham Memorials had been formatted to letter however not sent for timing reasons. The group felt the letter should proceed. John will send off in the new year.

New Business:

Laptop for Electronic Sign: John stated the current laptop borrowed from Huron Feeding Systems is in need of replacement. Kathy & Paul Mutter will price out laptops from their sources after John contacts Phil at Artech Signs & Graphics to find out what exactly is required on the laptop. Doug Shaw at MicroAge will also be contacted for a quote.

Closed Session: none

Adjournment and Next Meeting: *Moved by Paul Mutter and seconded by Joe Seili: "That the time now being 8:26pm the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.*

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at 7:30pm in the Brussels Library meeting room or at the call of the Chair.

Kathy Sebastian, Chairperson

John Lowe, Recording Secretary