

November 19, 2014

Attendees: Mary Sunderland, Frank Stokes, Roberta Hurman, Bruce Ewen, Shaun Hassanali, Heather Kirk, Henry Troup, Debra Ford, Norm Gibson, Jessica Breckenridge

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Motion to approve previous minutes by Mary. Second by Bruce. Approved.

1. Santa Visit

Date booked November 30. Event will run from 3pm-5pm. At 5pm tree lighting will take place with Christmas carols by local guide group. Santa and elves have been booked and cookies ordered. Roberta will get other supplies including cider, hot chocolate and decorations for cookies.

2. Tree Lights

Attempt to light trees with spots failed. Contractor from Black & McDonald who came to take down the old lights for checking has his own business putting up and removing lights so it has been decided we will hire him annually for this task.

Lights were ordered from Richmond Home Hardware

“The lights are ordered and HH gave us an amazing discount of only \$7.99 a box. So we saved \$3 on each box, and we ordered 200 boxes.”

There were enough usable lights to light three trees so the additional lights will be used 20 boxes per tree to light the additional 10 trees. The contractor will be coming November 22 to string the trees in time for the lighting November 30.

3. Rink Coordinator

The potential candidate for rink coordinator has declined so we are still in need. Without a coordinator we will not be able to run the rink this year. A suggestion was made to host a recruiting night at Danby's. Motion was put forward by Mary to approve a budget of up to \$100 for the event which would provide pizza and non-alcoholic drinks to attendees. Henry will work with Erica to set a night based on her availability as it would be nice to have her there to answer questions. Meeting to learn how to prepare ice is the end of November so this would have to be soon. Jessica seconded motion. All approved.

4. Furniture for Children's Programs

Motion was put forward by Roberta to buy 4 tables appropriate for children's use to replace the old ones which are chipped. She has selected an option different from the original suggestion as these are folding and so will be easier to store. The cost is \$219 each. Motion also to buy an additional 16 chairs like those we currently have to bring the total to 32 chairs. Cost is \$33 each. Total for both will be about \$1600.

Shipping method – pick up or delivery has to be determined. Motion from Norm to approve a budget of \$2000 to account for shipping. Second by Jessica. All approved. Jessica and Roberta will work to finalize details – who will order, colour and how delivery will be managed.

5. Golf Tournament Donation.

Note received by email

“Jay Huber who runs an annual golf tournament had contacted Henry about donating the money they raised to have a bench installed at the rink for users to put on their skates outside. They raised \$760 which they would donate to the project. The City has advised their standard bench is approx. \$3000 which includes a concrete base.

This project could qualify for the City's minor capital grant where the City will provide up to 50% of the funds. Deadline for grant applications is May 1 and September 1.”

Benches had been in place earlier for the skaters but were never used. Jessica will go back to Jay to discuss other options/ interests.

6. Munster Elementary School

Update on notice that appeared in latest Munster Mash

IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING FOR MUNSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Wed., Dec. 3, 2014, MES Gym, Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Munster Elementary School currently offers a Regular English program and the school's enrolment has decreased significantly for the 2014-2015 school year and currently stands at 58 students.

The Board is seeking community input regarding increasing the current low enrolment at MES with the introduction of a new Early French Immersion program and whether or not that option is viable. Action is required at the school for the 2015-2016 school year.

Following the Public Consultation Meeting on December 3rd and a review of input received from the community, a recommendation report is expected to be brought forward to the January 20th 2015 meeting of the Board's Committee of the Whole.

The report would provide Trustees with information regarding the viability of introducing a new Early French Immersion program and a recommended course of action for the accommodation of Munster Elementary School students in September 2015. A final decision by Board is scheduled to take place in late January 2015.

Detailed information and updates regarding the study can be found at:

<http://www.ocdsb.ca/sch/as/Pages/efi-at-Munster.aspx>

Jessica reports there have been three working groups thus far and the numbers do not look good from a boundary shift perspective. Some classes number and will continue to number under 5 students per grade. Nursery school enrolment has also been declining. There has been a suggestion that the school may be closed temporarily and re-evaluated once future planned developments in the area come to fruition.

The school is highly used though for community purpose including sports, scouting and guide programs and other activities. Suggestion that the MCA attend the meeting to support the continuation of the school being open to support such programming. Jessica will speak with Scott Moffatt to see if there is any funding available or whether there might be options for the board to partner with the city to provide additional community programming to keep the building operational.

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Concern was raised about what an empty building would do to local property values. It would be beneficial to have input from families with babies and young children to learn what they want/ what they would do when their children reach school age but no input has been available thus far.

It is important to have a strong presence at the public meeting December 3.

7. New Business

a. Phone Books

Phone books are in and being delivered. Copies will be delivered or mailed to advertisers.

Next meeting is December 17, 2014

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.