

**MINDEMOYA OLD SCHOOL REPURPOSING COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2018
CENTRAL MANITOULIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

Attendance: Sam Bondi, Councillor Linda Farquhar, Hal Love, Janice McQuay, Joanne Smith, Mayor Richard Stephens, Chairperson Ted Williamson, and Economic Development Officer Nancy Kinoshameg, 1 member of the press. Regrets: Councillor Alex Baran.

Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m.

MOTION: Bondi and Farquhar

That the agenda be approved as presented...carried.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: Love and McQuay

To approve the minutes of February 20, 2018...carried.

The diversified plan continues to revolve around having a seniors' centre/better living centre with possible spin-offs to fill the building. The design concepts would help with where to start, top or bottom. Hal will follow-up with the architecture company that is willing to help us.

Jan provided a verbal report on the survey. To date, 117 responses have been received by paper and online survey monkey. Survey monkey will only compile 100 surveys for free otherwise we would have to pay \$24/month. The EDO volunteered to compile the paper surveys using Excel. A total of about 1315 surveys were printed and mailed, some were made available at the Foodland. The online survey was also boosted on the Facebook page. Apparently, some people did not receive a survey in the mail but after some discussion it may have been due to 'no flyers' for that address. Two letters received with the surveys were read aloud.

The FedNor grant application for a feasibility study will be going to Council this week for support and possible approval. There was much discussion at the Finance and Economic Development Committee before supporting it going to Council for a full discussion. If Council does not fund the 10% of the project expenses, there is still the possibility of approaching Manitoulin Transport who has been willing to help this project and perhaps Heritage Canada who reached out to us. Some meeting procedures were discussed. It was suggested that a delegate speak at the Council meeting to provide an update on our progress and the need to support this application. The EDO already provides highlights from the meetings and minutes,

but the Committee felt that a delegate could help persuade Council to support this application. Members are asked to send comments to Hal, who volunteered to be our delegate. Jan was asked to see if Heritage Canada could send a letter of support.

A few further ideas were discussed, like: perhaps leasing the building to a willing group who would take over running the building much like Sandfield and Big Lake; one commented about tearing down the building and rebuilding in the same location and whether we would be any further ahead financially; and, providing programs that are not currently provided by other seniors' groups could be initiated in this Centre. Hosting a public meeting to inform the public about our progress was suggested and could include concept drawings once we have them. Seeking an extension for the committee would be considered once further progress is attained. Holding a referendum on this topic was discussed and Richard will ask about the process.

The Legacy Fund from Heritage Canada was discussed, and the EDO presented some information from the application guide that may not fit this project.

Jan was thanked for all her work on this project.

For information, a proposal to apply for Seniors Active Living grant, by March 31, to have the Health Unit provide an exercise class and a cooking class for seniors will be going to the Safety, Security and Health Committee for approval. It is anticipated the EDO would prepare the grant application on behalf of the municipality.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday April 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Central Manitoulin Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. on a **motion by Hal Love.**