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Strathcona Community Council
Executive Meeting - March 27, 2023
In the Victoria Park Fieldhouse

Meeting Minutes
(Draft)

Present: Chris Erl (President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Denise Minardi (Treasurer), Jen Dawson, Barb Williams, Rosemary Baptista, Jason Morse, Brian Hovsepian, Dominic Sorbara.

Regrets: Ian Borsuk (Vice-President), Joshua Allen.

Guests: Stephanie Hilson, Community Engagement and Strategic Initiatives Advisor.

Others: Wayne MacPhail, Barb Ledger, Mihal Samoila.

1. Chair's Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:

Chair Chris E. read the following acknowledgement:

We take this time to recognize that Strathcona is situated upon the traditional territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Mississauga and Haudenosaunee. This land is shared between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabe nations as acknowledged in the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt. That Wampum uses the symbolism of a dish to represent the territory, and one spoon to represent that the people are to share the resources of the land and take only what they need.

2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

3. Agenda:

Hamilton Police Sgt. Asim Butt earlier informed that he could not attend the meeting due to Ramadan devotions, so the Crime Manager's Report was struck from the agenda.

Motion: Moved by Michael-Allan M., seconded by Jason M., that the agenda for the meeting be adopted.
Carried unanimously.

4. Adopting Minutes:

Moved by Michael-Allan M, seconded by Jason M., that the minutes of the February 27, 2023 Executive meeting be approved.

Carried with Denise M. abstaining.

5. Updates from Ward 1 Councillor:

Councillor Maureen Wilson was at another commitment so Stephanie Hilson, her Community Engagement and Strategic Initiatives Advisor, gave an update in her stead.

A) Victoria Park upgrades — The Spray Pad Project is proceeding slowly while an archeological study is in progress, which has delayed construction. It is not expected that the spray pad will be in operation this summer.

B) Watermain on Locke Street — This necessary project is proceeding.

C) York Boulevard Redux — Council is still waiting for word on progress of the LRT project to see what funding is available for work on York Boulevard, as per an original agreement.

D) Barb W. asked for information on the development at Main Street West and Strathcona Street.

6. Updates from HPS Crime Manager: None.

7. President's Report:

Chris E. reported on the following:

A) Victoria Park Fieldhouse — Chris E. thanked Stephanie Hilson and Councillor Maureen Wilson for their efforts in ensuring that the SCC Executive can use the Fieldhouse for meetings. "This space is very popular with lots of groups interested in using it," he said. He noted the insurance cost is \$6.00 for each meeting. Stephanie H. said the Ward 1 budget will cover the cost. The building still requires some upgrades, such as new exterior and interior washrooms.

B) SCC Website — Chris E. noted the website is experiencing difficulties with updates. "We are coming to a point where we cannot advertise events the way we would like and the website may not be up to the task." It was suggested that perhaps the communications committee could look at an alternative hosting site platform.

C) Clean and Green Events — He said he was disappointed the SCC's application for funding was not accepted, and was rated 12th in funding priority. He noted the Executive had very little guidance in preparing the application.

D) Hamilton Centre By-election — He noted that there are still campaign signs that candidate teams have not removed, contrary to city bylaw, nearly two weeks after the election on March 16. He suggested people should put pressure on delinquents to remove the signs.

E) Filming Event on Napier Street — There appear to be problems with neighbours not being properly notified about the film shoot. He suggested writing to the film office that neighbours were dissatisfied with the lack of notification. He said it is important to address potential problems before they get to the complaint stage.

F) Communications Challenges — More places are needed to post SCC news and events, he said. Perhaps a focus could be put on local businesses and services, for example the library or Fortinos. There is also a need to grow the email list.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Denise M. reported that the SCC's account will be closed as per a recent motion and a new one will be opened with First Ontario Credit Union with the appropriate signing authorities.

Motion: Moved by Denise M., seconded by Michael-Allan M., that the Treasurer's Report be approved.
Carried unanimously.

9. Business:

Setting Committee Membership — The Executive voted to accept the following membership on its four standing committees:

Communications — Brian Hovsepian, Jason Morse, Barb Williams, Jen Dawson, Sarah Edell.

Events — Rosemary Baptista, Michael-Allan Marion, Denise Minardi, Cynthia Radcliff.

Policy and Advocacy — Brian Hovsepian, Rosemary Baptista, Jason Morse, Rosemary Baptista, Jen Dawson, Sarah Edell, Michael-Allan Marion.

Governance — Denise Minardi, Brian Hovsepian, Ian Borsuk.

10. Discussion:

A) Clean and Green Application Recap — Covered in the President's Report.

B) Team Up to Clean Up April 15 Event Planning — Timed to coincide with Earth Week, Executive Members heard of discussions with Strathcona Market to have the store host the event, with complimentary warm refreshments, and posters posted in stores and public venues publicizing it, produced by Jaden Printing Services. There will also be a call for donations to the Strathcona Pantry.

It was also decided to have a plant swap before the May Executive meeting.

11. New Business: None.

12. Notices of Intent: None.

13. Informational Updates From Executive Members:

A) Denise M. reminded members that an April 6 deadline is looming for people to apply to join the city's advisory committees. She provided some information on the process.

B) Members discussed a continuing problem of an unfortunate homeless community member whose activities displease some neighbours, and city officials appear unable to provide effective solutions, despite some attempts.

14. Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2023 at 7 pm.

15. Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Michael-Allan M., seconded by Rosemary B., that the meeting be adjourned.
Carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.