

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2016

MEETING NO. 04-2016

TIME: 4:08 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR I. ANGUS

PRESENT:

Councillor I. Angus
Mr. E. Cameron
Mr. D. Fisk
Mayor K. Hobbs
Ms. A. Ostrom
Councillor A. Ruberto
Mr. M. Tenander

OFFICIALS:

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations
Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

REGRETS:

Ms. D. Gilhooly
B. McKinnon
Councillor J. Virdiramo

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chair, Councillor I. Angus, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time.

Ms. A. Ostrom was thanked for taking notes at the June 11, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Stakeholders.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

The Chair added a report from a report from Ms. Donna Gilhooly under New Business.

MOVED BY: Mr. M. Tenander

SECONDED BY: Mr. D. Fisk

With respect to Meeting No. 04-2016 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on June 29, 2016, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 03-2016 of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on June 2, 2016, to be approved.

MOVED BY: Mr. D. Fisk
SECONDED BY: Mayor K. Hobbs

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 03-2016 of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on June 2, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
(Deferred to September 1, 2016 WDC Meeting)

4.1 Divestiture of Current River Facility

At the November 5, 2015 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, discussion was held relative to the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) - Small Craft Harbours Branch and the City-owned land at the mouth of the Current River.

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, to provide an update relative to the above noted at the September 1, 2016 WDC meeting.

4.2 Market Square

At the June 2, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, Mr. M. Smith responded to questions about plans for the Market Square.

Administration was asked to present renderings of the Market Square at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee.

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, to provide update relative to the above noted at the September 1, 2016 WDC meeting.

5.0 COLLABORATION WORKSHOP WITH WATERFRONT STAKEHOLDERS

A meeting of Waterfront Stakeholders was held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Italian Cultural Centre.

Copies of notes taken by Anne Ostrom were provided for information.

Members reflected on the meeting, and provided the following comments:

- As requested, stakeholder presentations were succinct.
- Stakeholders who attended received a lot of good information from the updates and presentations.
- With respect to moving support from The City of Thunder Bay forward (in principle), the role of the WDC in this regard needs to be discussed. The WDC could assist groups with letters of support – criteria for letters of support would have to be established.
- Further to their presentations and discussions, there are possible synergies among the stakeholders; the WDC can assist with “cross pollination” of these synergies.
- WDC members took interest in what the private stakeholders are planning for the waterfront.
- WDC members were surprised at the number of projects being planned and/or considered for the waterfront.
- The recreation trail and other recreation trail-related ideas need to be harmonized; the City needs to know what private stakeholders are planning.
- The Thunder Bay Art Gallery is moving in the right direction.
- It is important that the railways be contacted by the City, since they own property at the waterfront.
- Another session is needed as a follow-up to this one.
- The projects with the most potential to move forward need to be identified.
- The update on Fisherman’s Park was very interesting.
- Stakeholders did not ask the City for funding.
- There is value in holding this type of meeting every 2 years for updates from the stakeholders (or as events occur); there may not be much progress to report on one year from now.
- This was a good opportunity for Administration to meet some of the new stakeholders and to reconnect with stakeholders they hadn’t seen in some time.
- The meeting opened the conversation on what is important for stakeholders on the waterfront.
- The WDC web presence needs to be updated to a higher profile.
- It was important that each stakeholder hears what the others are doing.
- With respect to revisions/updates to the City’s Official Plan, the WDC needs to ensure that zoning along the waterfront incorporates and encourages future development (before the new Official Plan is approved by City Council). Green spaces also need to be addressed.
- Site plan development is critical.
- The WDC will try to send regular updates to the participating stakeholders. It is important that all parties (the WDC, the City, and the stakeholders) stay in touch.
- The City could facilitate seminars on how to move projects forward; corporate financing could be one of the subjects provided in the seminar/workshop.

The stakeholders who attended and/or provided updates on their projects will be thanked by the Chair for their involvement with the meeting. A link to the WDC website will be included in the thank you note. Participants with private/personal email accounts will be asked if their email addresses can be made public to the other participants.

Mr. M. Smith responded to questions about the Official Plan and incentivizing development.

Discussion was held relative to a unifying theme of architectural design on the waterfront as new projects proceed.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Grain Elevator Museum Project

Copies of notes from Donna Gilhooly, relative to the Grain Elevator Museum Project, were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

Councillor I. Angus presented the notes and responded to questions. Dr. Polonsky and his staff will be meeting with the Thunder Bay Friends of Grain Elevators towards the end of July to continue the conversation.

6.2 Renaming a Municipal Property

Discussion was held relative to renaming a municipal property after a former City Councillor.

Mr. M. Smith will check on the policy for renaming municipal facilities and properties. Councillor Angus will contact the family about consenting to this proposal, and will contact the organization that was involved with developing the subject municipal property.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

Meetings of the WDC are scheduled on the first Thursday of every second month, except in July and August, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, 3rd Floor of City Hall (unless otherwise notified), as follows:

- Thursday, September 1, 2016
- Thursday, November 3, 2016

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.