



Beaverton Harbour Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 05, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present: Christine Dukelow, Ryan Lloyd, Councillor Claire Doble, Councillor Cria Pettingill, Ralph Davidson, Paul Nelson, Randy Straeten, Paula Warder

Staff Present: Maralee Drake, Deputy Clerk, Paul Lagrandeur, Director of Public Works, Debbie Vandenakker, Planner

1. Call to Order

Chair Dukelow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Paul Nelson that the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Hearing of Deputations – none

4. General Items

- 1) Discussion with Township Planner Debbie Vandenakker

The Planner addressed questions that had been submitted by the Committee

1. Do you have any other high level, general guidance comments for our Committee's consideration as we continue our efforts towards a significantly improved Beaverton Harbour?

There is a perfect opportunity to focus committee efforts on the modules coming forward through the Official Plan (OP) process. Collaborated input as a group (and as individuals if you choose) will add a lot of value to the consultation process. It would give the consultant team and staff a specific direction or set of considerations for the Harbour. That process is where large policy directions will be provided. My hope is that out of that process, more specific directions will emerge.

2. Does the current planning process allow for the development of a Beaverton Harbour Master Plan within its framework?

Initiating a Harbour Master Plan is a Council decision- A caution is that a Master Plan and Official Plan are working towards similar goals and so duplication should be avoided.

- a. Assuming the answer is yes, what are the time constraints? Is there time for a fulsome public consultation process?

The amount of time would depend on the scope of the Master Plan. 18 months to two years is an appropriate amount of time given the fulsome nature of the consultation that would be undertaken, followed by the drafts and revisions to a comprehensive plan.

3. Should this committee recommend a long-term plan-of the Beaverton Harbour.

From a Planning perspective, a long-term plan with specific implementation goals, timing and funding attached would be the ultimate strategy for achieving larger, long-term objectives. It is reasonable for this Committee to recommend that feedback heard from the OP (and any other useable information) be used in the development of a long-term plan upon the OP's completion.

4. How do we implement it (previous attempts have not been fulfilled; 1997 Study for example)? Can it become binding as a part of the Township Official Plan/Review/policy? Amendable? Up to the "Council" of the day?

The Planner advised that it will always be a Council decision to allocate funds to implement a long-term policy or strategy, that the advisory committee should continue to participate in developing a vision / plan, that is collaborative in terms of the Township's priorities for creating healthy communities; that consultation with all stakeholders occurs (community groups, agency partners etc.); and noted that a short and long-term implementation plan is tied to budget allocations.

Councillor Doble enquired if a Harbour Master Plan (HMP) could be achieved through the OP review to which the Planner advised that the OP will provide a strategic vision for the harbour, but that a concrete plan would require other expert involvement and additional budget.

Mr. Straeten enquired as to the OP Review timeline and for providing feedback. The Planner advised that the OP Review consists of 7 modules, each will take approximately 4 – 6 months to complete, and the committee can provide feedback as individuals and as a committee for each of the modules through public engagement platforms and discussion at committee meetings. The Planner advised that she will provide a set of summary slides describing the OP process.

Mr. Davidson enquired if the OP review would address harbour concerns such as boathouse leases, green land etc. The Planner noted that the OP review would not provide the level of detail required to address specific concerns at the harbour, but would develop a vision for the future of the harbor and the Township as a whole and the OP information could be used to begin a specific Harbour Master Plan.

Chair Dukelow requested clarification on the future plan for taking over ownership of the Harbour to which Councillor Doble advised that Council is at the mercy of the Federal Government to take next steps, noting that the final decision will likely land with the next term of Council.

The committee discussed their role within the OP review process to which Councillors' Doble and Pettingill advised that progress can still be made in the short term by the committee, while they work on the vision of the harbour throughout the Official Plan Process.

2) Outstanding Questions and how to move forward

Item deferred to a future meeting

3) Updated Terms of Reference

The committee reviewed the proposed Updated Terms of Reference and Councillors' Doble and Pettingill advised that the committee should continue to move forward with reviewing the studies that have already occurred, and that the Skywoman project will be dealt with by Council.

Members of the committee expressed frustrations with the Skywoman project being rushed along without long term considerations. Concerns were raised as to the levels of public input and support for the project.

Moved by Randy Straeten that Council provide the Beaverton Harbour Advisory Committee with one month of additional time to provide input on the Skywoman Project

CARRIED

Chair Dukelow advised she would follow up with Mr. Straeten and the Deputy Clerk to determine how the committee can move forward with providing input.

The Deputy Clerk advised that she will notify the committee of the outcome of their request following the May 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

4) Review of Goals and Objectives

Chair Dukelow advised that most of the goals and objections from the 1997 Study are still applicable and noted that she will work on summarizing all of the feedback from the committee into a statement for the committee's review.

5) Follow up items from previous meeting

- Updated GIS Ownership Mapping

The committee advised that the updated mapping was helpful in understanding the ownership of the different areas of the harbour.

- Boathouse lease update

Councillor Doble advised that the 2014 boathouse leases were renewed for 20 years at a cost of \$150 each year, and that the leases will be a minimum of 10 years long, with a 5 year notice period required, should the municipality wish to end the lease. Councillor Doble explained that it would be at the cost of the boathouse owner for the building to be removed, and that the earliest

date to give notice is 2024. Councillor Doble advised that the boathouse residents pay tax on only the building, as the property is owned by the municipality.

The committee discussed providing a recommendation to Council regarding the termination of the leases and requested that the issue be added to the July agenda.

- Parking Report

The parking report was received for information by the committee.

5. Other Items & Inquiries

- 1) New Business

The committee discussed a recently announced federal grant opportunity for the harbour and requested that staff provide an update when information becomes available.

- 2) Next Meeting Date – June 2, 2021

6. Adjournment