

Township of McMurrich/Monteith

Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024 - 7:00 pm
McMurrich/Monteith Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting- November 20, 2023
4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Grant Update
 - 4.2 Supporting Local Business/ACED
 - 4.3 Strategic Plan
5. New Business
6. Information Sharing
 - 6.1 Committee Concerns
7. Resolutions
8. Adjournment
9. Next Meeting Date- TBD at 7:00pm

McMurrich/Monteith
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 20, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Present: Wesley Dyson (Chairperson), Vicky Roeder-Martin (Council Member), Annette DeCoste, Pamela Leeder (members)

Absent: Lori McBride

Guests: none

Recording Secretary: Allyson Pedwell (Municipal Staff)

1. Call To Order at 7:07 pm

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting:

Minutes of the Committee meeting: September 18 & October 23, 2023. See resolution below.

4. Old Business:

4.1 Volunteer Appreciation Day – The Committee discussed and organized the Volunteer Appreciation Day.

4.2 OP Review – The Committee briefly discussed the Official Plan

4.3 Strategic Plan – The Committee deferred discussion on the Strategic Plan

5. New Business:

5.1 Connecting with business – The Committee briefly discussed this topic.

6. Information Sharing:

7. Resolutions:

2023-34 Leeder/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that the Committee approves the Minutes of the Meetings held September 18 & October 23, 2023. **Carried.**

8. Adjournment:

2023-33 DeCoste/Leeder

Be It Resolved that the Committee Adjourns the meeting at 8:29 pm to meet January 22, 2024 at 7:00pm. **Carried**

Chairperson – Wesley Dyson

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Allyson Pedwell

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Volunteer Appreciate Day Notes

Township Operations and Services

- Fair Tax Assessments for all
- Road ways in the dump (very uneven) for small cars
- Garbage at the side of the road
- Garbage pickup (private or public)
- Spring road cleanup - needs to be earlier (sand needs to be early in spring)
- Road maintenance (standard repair)
- Send staff on education courses to better do their jobs more efficiently and effectively
- Need new website; it is not user friendly. Needs local businesses listed, events in town, committee meetings, etc
- Building Permits - more timely
- Virtual Meetings
- More Town Hall meetings

Healthy Living and Wellness

- Kids Crafts
- Zoomba
- Snow-volleyball
- Tennis courts?
- Teen Dances
- Building project for kids
- Send flyer asking teenagers what kinds of programming they would like

Infrastructure and the Environment

- FIX THE ROADS
 - Stop spending money on the roads until everything else is fixed

- Get roads back to where they used to be
- Sprucedale Hotel - what can be done to get it running again?
- How can we help open/attract stores/restaurants?
- Get rid of the trailer (better use of tax dollars)
- Get rid of the portable toilets and use the Community Center Restrooms (better use of tax dollars)
- We DO NOT need 3000ft² for 3 office staff!
- Sell old Fire Hall to fund other projects
- Build new Public Works facility out of town.
- Fix Community Center sign
- New Public Works Facility at the Sprucedale pit property
- Partner with the Province and Federal Government:
 - Build new retirement facility
 - Build new Health Care facility
 - Daycare
- Better use of our existing buildings
- Hold bi-monthly open houses
- Capital Project - Health Facility
- Where to spend tax dollars:
 - Community-oriented events
 - Roads
 - Digitizing
 - Virtual meetings
 - Spruce up Sprucedale, Whitehall, and Bear Lake
 - Tennis courts? Does MM still own them?

Economic Development and Community Improvement

- Make it worth the drive to Sprucedale
- More opportunities for people visiting

- Farmers Market
- Vendor Market
- Need a big property to house restaurant / bar / meeting space in Sprucedale
- Trail - could cycling be incorporated?
- Bike Route (Loop)
- Improve signage, Sprucedale Sign too small
- Go and visit all the McMurrich Monteith businesses - reach out
- Google has grants for fundraising
- Revive NETWORK (ACED?)
- Round Table /Kitchen Table Discussions
 - Hugs at the beginning of these (?)
- General Store - Could be something (for the public) - artisan shop?
- Thrift store
- Sprucedale with Spruce Trees (MM Logo?)