



Harriston Rising Committee Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2024

8:00 a.m.

LaunchIt Minto

Members Present: Chair Lisa Leslie, Kathie Butcher, John Mock, Caitlin Loughran, and Mabel Amapali

Staff Present: Erin Raftis, Marketing & Community Development Coordinator

Regrets: Councillor Ed Podniewicz and Ryan Koelsag

1. Call to Order at 8:06 a.m.
2. Minutes of May 7th, 2024 Steering Committee Meeting

MOTION

Moved by: Kathie Butcher Seconded by: John Mock

THAT the Harriston Rising committee approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED.

3. Roundtable Discussion
 - a. 2024 Budget Update

Raftis reviewed the 2024 Budget (updated by August 31st, 2024). The committee has a total revenue of \$7947.20, including \$4000 from the Town of Minto, sponsorship from the Bean Growers Ontario & Mushroom Growers Association, Teal & Pink sponsorship packages, planters, etc. and Halloween sponsors. Butcher noted the actual sponsorship total for Halloween is \$2100. She also mentioned sponsors were promised social media posts and will send the list to Raftis. Raftis reminded the committee that the \$284.25 in Minto Makers' Market fees will be donated to the MRI Campaign, alongside Palmerston & Clifford's fees, reaching a total of \$720. The committees' expenses total \$2780.23, and include

beautification items, DJ for Halloween Haunt, Volunteer Fair expenses, etc. Butcher noted a fee for the Harriston Legion from the Chili event is yet to be included.

The committee reviewed the capital budget, noting higher expenses from Advanced Electric than anticipated. The committee requested Raftis investigate the Bosman Home Front furniture expense.

b. Beautification Update

The committee reviewed the Harriston alleyway project and was satisfied with the lighting. They discussed the puddle forming, noting it wouldn't be permanently fixed until the next time the area is repaved. The committee brainstormed ideas to cover up the hole if necessary.

Capital project suggestions for 2025 include the potential of some chairs to put with the tables to make the alleyway more inviting.

The committee also discussed the benches in cenotaph park. John Mock agreed to investigate the possibility of cleaning them before the committee invests in refurbishing them completely. Mock recommended sealing the benches to help with weather proofing.

Butcher mentioned the lights for the entrance sign have not yet been put back up & Raftis will check in on this.

c. Events Committee Update

The committee recapped the Harriston Street Party and reviewed the budget. Raftis noted a loss from the dinner and dance but will provide a further breakdown of the expenses when they have all been submitted. Butcher noted that revenue from the sponsorship packages that included street dinner tickets should be relocated to the Harriston Street Party budget.

The committee discussed the potential shortening of the Street Party to 9am-2pm (in line with the Car Show). Schedule will be reviewed at the next meeting. The committee noted a need for additional volunteers as well.

d. Meeting Structure

The committee discussed a shift from the current meeting structure (Steering, with events & beautification subcommittee) to be one committee where all events and projects are discussed. The committee noted a desire to be more involved in the planning and budgeting of the Harriston Street Party. They agreed there is a desire to create a unified Harriston Rising committee.

The committee agreed to invite the sub committee to our next meeting and reconvene on December 7th 2024 at 7:00pm to plan for 2025. Butcher will invite the events and beautification committee.

5. Adjournment at 9:40 a.m