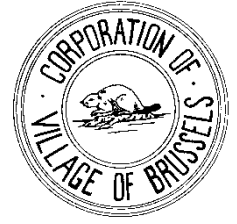




## Huron East/Brussels Community Development Trust



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*Huron East/Brussels Community Development Trust meeting  
Thursday, September 12th, 2019 - 7:30pm  
Brussels Library – Community Room*

**Present:** John Lowe (Councilor), Kathy Sebastian, Zoey Onn (Councilor), Mike Thomas, Paul Nichol, Joe Seili  
**Absent:** Paul Mutter **Guests:** none

**Call to Order:** Called by Chair Kathy Sebastian at 7:32pm.

**Agenda:** *Moved by Paul Nichol and seconded by Zoey Onn: "To accept the agenda as presented." Motion carried.*

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** none

**Deputations:** none

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** *Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Mike Thomas: "To accept the minutes of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting as circulated." Motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

Financial report, prepared by Huron East Treasurer Paula Michiels, was emailed out to all by prior to the meeting.

We have a loan from Huron East for our new electronic sign in the amount of \$15,991.58. Treasurer Paula wished to keep our investments whole and not risk the penalty of cashing early.

- Manulife account: \$17,670.31 including accrued interest as at August 31, 2019
- There was 2 deposits of investment interest totalling \$4987.50
- 6 GICs held at Sholdice Financial in the amount of \$535,000 as at September 4, 2019.
- Total funds available: \$552,670.31
- Original Trust established on September 7, 2001 with an opening balance of \$529,150.23.

Joe had contacted Paula to see if we could get better returns on our investments by entering into higher risk options. It was felt that indeed it would be too risky to endeavour.

*Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Paul Nichol: "That the treasurer's report be accepted as presented." Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:**

Secretary John sent out letters requesting funds to help support the new electronic sign to the following: Brussels Legion July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Brussels Lions Club & Optimist Club August 28<sup>th</sup>. No response as yet, however, the groups are in discussion.

**Old Business:**

MVCA Park/Playground upgrades: – Zoey reports the Leo's have reached their fundraising goal and the project will proceed. The community has been generous with donations. The equipment will be purchased through the Municipality to help lessen the HST charge and will be installed come Spring 2020. Zoey wondered about having a sign for all the donors. Excavating and concrete work still need to be arranged however closer to the date of install as well as advising Stewart Lockie, Supervisor, for MVCA.

Electronic sign: As noted above the request for funds have gone out and an article speaking to this project appeared in the 'The Citizen' in the September 5<sup>th</sup> edition. John updated the group that Artech Signs has indicated in an email today that they will be removing the old sign so they can get the bracket hole measurements. The sign is approx. 3 weeks behind in delivery. Discussion to use Gabel Electric to run new hydro to this sign was agreed upon as they are the electricians for the Medical-Dental building where the hydro source is.

BMG Community Centre upgrades: John states there is an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant that the Board will ask Council to pursue and apply for. The Rec Board and community members presented to both Morris-Turnberry and Huron East councils the results from the Campaign Coaches.

Butterfly Garden: Zoey provided an update. The current monuments structures are in need of repair and can be salvaged. Current plaques are on poorly making things look unprofessional. Zoey visited Wingham Memorials/Mac Anderson and that sign is somewhat ready, however, it was felt there was no rush from Wingham Memorials to get it finished up and delivered to us. Zoey has contacts with another business to provide the same plaques. Zoey offered the services of herself and Thom to perform what 'touch ups' need to be completed on-site in regards to grinding off old glue and bumps, re-parging and using a sealer. The group was in favour of proceeding with this advice.

*Motion: "1) to end the services of Wingham Memorials and 2) draft a letter to Wingham Memorials stating the Brussels Trust will pick up their sign within 2 weeks of the date of said letter and furthermore Wingham Memorials prepare any outstanding invoices for the Trust to pay and 3) Stratford Memorials be appointed as the new contact for plaques for the Butterfly Garden." Moved by Paul Nichol and seconded by Joe Seili. Carried.*

**New Business:** none

**Closed Session:** none

**Adjournment and Next Meeting:** *Moved by Mike Thomas and seconded by Zoey Onn: "That the time now being 8:28pm the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.*

Date of next meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Brussels Library meeting room or at the call of the Chair.