

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

**COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
Public Meeting**

Meeting held on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Civic Centre

Attendance: Mayor Claude Doughty
Councillor Fran Coleman
Councillor John Davis
Councillor Mary Jane Fletcher
Councillor Mike Greaves
Councillor Brian Thompson
Councillor Chris Zanetti

Absent: Councillor Bill Beatty
Councillor George Young

Staff: John Finley, EDO/Grants Officer
Cecile (Sue) King, Admin. Asst. Fire/Clerk's Dept.

Guest: Stuart Morley of Morley and Associates

Approximate attendance was 20 people.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – January 31, 2008

Moved by John Davis and seconded by Fran Coleman

CMP04-08

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: the Community Master Plan Agenda dated January 31, 2008 be hereby adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried.

2. PECUNIARY INTEREST

-Nil-

3. MINUTES-January 10, 2008

Moved by Fran Coleman and seconded by Mike Greaves

CMP05-08

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: the Community Master Plan Minutes dated January 10, 2008 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Doughty welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the steps that had taken place in the Community Master Plan process up to this date.

5. DELEGATION

- a) Education Huntsville – Cancelled
- b) Huntsville Train Station Society – Martina Schroer and Rudy Stoddard

Ms Schroer provided background information on the Huntsville Train Station Society and the progress that has been made in the rejuvenation of the Train Station.

Ms Schroer and Mr. Stoddard thanked the volunteers in the community that have made much of the work possible.

Phase I, the renovation and refurbishing of the Station has been completed.

Phase II, the footpath and Phase III, the dock will be part of future plans.

There are currently two passenger trains that stop per day and numerous freight trains that pass through the Town.

The concept of a walkway across the railway tracks has been discussed previously, but the design must meet the CN Rail criteria.

The Train Station may become an essential part of the changes that are planned for the west end portion of the Town.

Mayor Doughty complimented the Train Station Society for the work that has been accomplished by everyone that has taken part over the last ten years.

6. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS TO DATE

Stuart Morley, Morley and Associates, circulated the information that had been compiled from the comments on the blog and at the second public meeting.

A suggestion had been brought forward that one of the meetings should involve a less formal setting for the public to discuss the comments that have been provided.

7. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Comments from Council included the following items:

- the strategies and directions should be apparent soon as a number of comments are being repeated
- “greening” is a direction that the Town should take
- items such as the overall ambiance and appearance of the Town can be achieved without buildings or structures
- trails are already being created and there are many trails and walkways

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- that are planned for the community
- the creation of facilities outside of the main or urban core should be considered
 - one of the elements that has been identified is that the public would like to see not only a second ice pad but a facility that will accommodate other sports as well
 - current infrastructure needs must be met before spending can be done for other facilities
 - as the Town of Huntsville has received grants and funding for a number of projects such as a new Fire Truck and the Theatre this must be considered before entering into new financial arrangements
 - user and usage fees can be used to fund some capital projects
 - all of the data will be published in a report when the public has had time to provide their input
 - the Draft Plan will be provided for public input and this will provide Council with the Vision Statement
 - the Municipality's role in the environment should be established; this can be provided through the Environment Committee
 - all Standing Committees can provide goals for the Municipality
 - a symposium for builders and developers should be part of the planning and building process to inform them of the Municipality's expectations
 - the Town of Huntsville is still in the beginning stages of the creation of "living spaces" such as other communities have incorporated into their urban areas

8. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Harvey Houle, Utterson Live Wires

Mr. Houle requested copies of the previous information that has been collated.

Mr. Houle's concerns included the lack of waterfront access within the community and the overcrowding of beaches and waterfronts.

Additional waterfront access can be included in the Master Plan, but it was noted that a larger access has been created with the expansion of the Trans Canada Trail – Hunter's Bay.

Jon Snelson voiced concerns with respect to the need to enforce the "Muskoka" appearance of all buildings.

Mr. Snelson indicated that the goals and visions of the Environment Committee will be available for input into the Plan.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Community Master Plan Committee will take place on February 13th, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Centennial Centre.

10. NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS

The public was encouraged to bring forward any topics that they felt should be included in the Master Plan process.

11. CLOSING COMMENTS AND THANK YOU BY MAYOR

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by John Davis and seconded by Mike Greaves

CMP06-08

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: the Community Master Plan Committee adjourn to meet again on February 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair, Centennial Centre.

Carried.

Chair

The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville

COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting Held on January 31, 2008 at 3 3:30 p.m.

at 37 Main Street E., Huntsville, ON

No Recommendations contained within the Minutes