

Beautification & Safety Committee

Minutes June 21st, 2021 – 8:30AM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

A combined committee meeting was held on June 21, 2021 via Zoom. It began at 8:32 am and was presided over by Committee Chairs Katie Bevan and Barry Klus.

Attendees

Katie Bevan, Barry Klus, Rae Brenne and executive director Amber Livingstone. Guests, Lillian Roberts from St. Andrews United Church and Jaymie Laythem from Creative Industries.

There was a discussion about street-involved people sleeping in alcoves, as well as sharps being found on the ground in some places. Amber shared information about the July webinar on safe collection of sharps. Barry shared information about overnight security patrols and there was a discussion about the Healthy Community Ambassadors program.

1. Review action items from May 17th meeting.
2. Canada Healthy Communities Initiative grant – CHCI Grant project:
Step 1: Agreement signed
Step 2: Please confirm, do you have all the requisite permits for your project to proceed? We are here.
Step 3: Send EFT information for funds to be released.

The project's focus is on transforming public spaces. We have chosen lighting and small infrastructure improvements. The project focuses on four spaces: the parkette, both alleyways and the parking lot on Main West. Will need to form steering committee and look at membership consultation.

Barry Klus departs at 8:57am

3. Traffic boxes that were previously chosen have all been installed throughout the downtown, along with two at the waterfront.
4. Downtown public art map available on Google Maps; can be found on Downtown website under the Discover Downtown North Bay tab. Jaymie and Katie share that a walking tour to accompany this would be great. Jaymie talks about the Future Proof project; a Downtown walking tour with songs and stories. Available on the Driftscape app. Discussed that app is not presenting the tour as envisioned; will be adding QR codes for users to jump to the stories within the walking tour. Project is called 'It Happened Downtown' on Facebook and Instagram.

5. Seasonal banners; design has been finalized using new branding. Now looking at purchasing banner arms and having banners printed, then installed. Banners will be put up along Main Street, and we are adding some to Oak Street as well.

Next Meeting Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 8:30am.

ACTION ITEMS

Who	Action
Amber	Contact Naomi at museum to let her know about having banners along Oak Street.