

Lindsay Downtown Business Improvement Association

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 7:30am

The Grand Experience (Upper Level)
177 Kent Street West, Lindsay

Committee Members

Co-Chair Co-Chair Steve Podolsky Steve Turner

Voting Members

Dan Burns Jim Garbutt
Charlie McDonald Tim White
Councillor Isaac Breadner
Councillor Pat Dunn
Councillor Gord James

City of Kawartha Lakes Liaison
Aaron Sloan

MEETING #PC-2018-06

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order by the Chair: 7:30 am

In Attendance: Steve Podolsky, Steve Turner, Charlie McDonald, Tim White,

Councillor Isaac Breadner, Councillor Pat Dunn, Councillor Gord James, Aaron Sloan

Recording Secretary: Rachel Thorn

Late Arrivals: Dan Burns, Ian Walker

Early Departures: None

Guests: Ron Taylor, Adam Found, Joseph Found, Wayne English

Regrets: Jim Garbutt

Absent: None

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

2.1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Tim White Seconded By: Steve Turner

Resolved: That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried PC2018-11

- 2.2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
- 2.3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES (Meeting of Tuesday, May 8th, 2018) DEFERRED

3.0 **DEPUTATIONS**

3.1 Ron Taylor

- -Development and Long-Term Parking Study through request of City Council
- -Gave a presentation about the need for a Downtown Parking Strategy
- -The need to develop a specific strategy for parking, how and where strategy is needed, the cost of a parking space, and how to expand parking to meet the needs of the expanding population and commercial demand
- -At peak Lindsay can be at 70-80% full for parking spaces and will reach 100% if action is not taken
- -Spoke about Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, and Lindsay having an extensive parking study completed

3.2 Adam Found

- -2 Key Documents are guiding for long-term planning:
 - Growth Management Strategy (Provincially Mandated Growth)
 - Transportation Master Plan (Plan Transportation Network including Parking Assets)
- -Provided the same slide show presented to the City Council in late April
- -Expected growth of the City by 2031 will be 100,000 and 2041 of 107,000

- -Transportation Master Plan forecasts Downtown parking spaces to be 264 for Lindsay, 210 and 57 for Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon respectively, this was a high level overview for numbers
- -Study will look at Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, and Bobcaygeon for growth in these urban areas and parking to accommodate the growth
- -A recommendation for a parking study to further understand the current state of parking, parking issues, develop recommended parking models and solutions, and benchmark with other municipalities and industry best practises
- -Reviewed Table 1: Municipal Parking Capacity and Utilization in Downtown Lindsay: 2014 vs. 2018 Via file: Need for a Downtown Parking Strategy.pdf

By: Adam Found

- -Kent Street was reconfigured to allow for 17 more parking spaces, however losses at Victoria Ave because of transit hub relocation and M4 Lot York St. N. (River Wineworks) was not renewed by owner, and this resulted in losing 13 parking spaces
- -Therefore there was only a gain of 4 parking spaces
- -61% utilization in 2014 during peak business hours (10am 2pm) and the Downtown is currently at 81% for 2018
- -Population growth in Lindsay has increase pressure for parking in the Downtown
- -Data suggest that by the elimination of paid parking has increased the use of Downtown parking
- -Long-term financial plan to forecast a general need for major expansion to municipal parking in the Downtown for 2023
- -Cost of the study to be \$100,000 by estimates. This cost is estimates to be recoverable (67.5%) through development charges and economic development reserve
- -Consultant will be needed and retained through a Request for Proposal process and will engage the stakeholders and the general public
 - -Hoping to have consultant by end of July
 - -Team made up of By-Law Enforcement, Public Works, Economic Development, and Corporate Assets
 - -Ready for study to be presented next Summer
 - -Brought forth to the City Council
- -BIA and stakeholders to be consulted in process

Questions:

Isaac Breadner

-Suggest that a small portion of the \$100,000 be given to the BIA to offset the cost of the parking enforcement officer as he has the first-hand experience with parking in the Downtown

Charlie McDonald

-Asked how the \$100,000 will be use if we already know that we are at 80%

Answer from Adam Found

- -Utilization is a small component on the study
- -Have the consultant verify the information
- -Work closely with Wayne English and Aaron Sloan for data

- -Remarks are less about Lindsay and more about Fenelon Falls and Bobcayegon
- -Use the money to develop solutions vs. collection of data
- -Current and future needs for parking in the Downtown
- -On and off street, municipality and privately owned, structured and surface and above, and below ground parking

Tim White

- -264 spaces seems like a really low number given the Kent development is short 100 spaces Answer from Adam Found
- -Number was taken from the Master transportation plan in 2011 and the need is more as we know Isaac Breadner
- -What's the goal of the study as he feels this will show a need for paid parking in the Downtown Answer from Ron Taylor
 - -This study will provide: what the need for parking will be and what options are there to fill that need
 - -What is the cause of the demand for parking and what will be the growth over years to come
 - -Downtown will not get any larger however, outside pressure from other expansion will attribute a Downtown parking problem
 - -Revenue options to help pay for the parking as we know we need to go up (parking structure) and not out

Steve Pololsky

-Will there be public consultation on parking

Answer from Adam Found

-Absolutely and more than one as the BIA, stakeholders, residents, and the public needs to be involved

Gord James

-Transit shelter and gas tax is there a possible partnership

Answer from Adam Found

- -Included in terms of reference
- -Will work with the transit committee and Fleet Transit

Isaac Breadner

- -Will the study include and potential sites for parking structure
- -Identify public or privately own land that can be turned into a parking structure and the zoning laws that attribute to the land

Answer from Ron Taylor

-Will look at how far people will walk from the parking structure to work vs. for shopping as the parking structure will most likely not be in the Downtown as the BIA boundary sits now

Ron Taylor

-Would like to come back for the August meeting with the consultant for a meet and greet

3.3 Aaron Sloan

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.0 OTHER OR NEW BUSINESS

- -From the meeting with Ron Taylor, Adam Found, and Aaron Sloan we would like to see that the BIA parking committee is involved with the parking study and will provide any information necessary.
- -No paid parking on the Street
- -That the cost of the study is made public so that the public knows that Lindsay is not receiving all the benefits and Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon will be receiving most of the \$100,000 attention

6.0 REPORTS

- 6.1 Parking Enforcement Officer Wayne English
 - -Scanned 1641 vehicles and given out 125 tickets (7.62%)
 - -Counts on the machine to be retrieved and used for the BIA and study
 - -It's important to be visible and keep an eye on parking
 - -Everyone has been generally accepting of the enforcement officer
 - -Peak times such as lunchtime the Downtown is full

7.0 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 7:30am The Grand Experience (Upper Level) 177 Kent Street West

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Isaac Breadner Seconded By: Tim White

Resolved: That the Parking Committee adjourns its Regular meeting of June 12th, 2018 at 8:41 am.

Carried PC2018-12