

Special Meeting called by the chair. 7:00 pm May 03/22
Lake Stewardship and Environment Standing Committee of the
Community of McKellar

1. Chair called the meeting to order. 7:02
2. Present: Susan Adamson, Jennifer Ghent Fuller, Axy Leighl, Tony Best, Al Last, Carl Mitchell, Lynda Taylor, Carl Mitchell, Nick Ryeland, Regrets: Lynda Taylor, Sheila Hardie, Melanie Jeffrey
3. Land acknowledgement: we would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishnaabe and the Mississauga people.
4. Agenda. This special meeting has been called To discuss the addition of the purpose as written by Reg Moore, that LSEC be included in all documents from the township office. Jennifer asked individual committee members to respond. **Lynda**, official plan takes 5 years, we have 7-11 elected members, where does the experience go when council members leave. Does this responsibility rest totally on our shoulders? What is the budget for this? Our mission statement does not cover this. How much more time do we want to put into this committee? **Tony** shared concerns.....township council should decide what resources they need, does this add another process/step to any process. This committee does not have particular capability that the council does not have. Should not a professional be hired? Council needs a proper professional. Council needs to decide what they need. We only respond to a request from council, this is premature, not the correct process. Jennifer commented that we have liability insurance. We have no budget for this request. We need to vote the resolution down and ask the council what they wish us to do. **Al** stated the choice is councils, we can only give an opinion. **Axy** asked do we need more work? Axy is concerned that the same planner worked for an applicant and the town. That concern is not addressed by LSEC taking a role in this process. Township is stretched very finely....but it is not our concern. He feels adopting the resolution is not the answer. **Carl** asked what we would be getting ourselves into. Jennifer read the resolution as sent out. Carl is ok with them sharing information with us, but feels we do not need to act. **Nick** stated we are a standing committee not an ad hoc committee. Nick feels we can be involved but others must be too! The PS planning board run by John Jackson, planned for 6 local councils. Mr Jackson recommends to council on matters of planing to council. John has now retired from his duties.

We now have no official planner, which is an enormous problem. Nick feels this additional role would be a nightmare. He feels we would be spread far too thin and not accomplish our goals. Logistically impossible. We might poison our position in this community. **Axy** says we can provide comments as individuals involved with LSEC. **Carl** says we cannot be obliged to do anything for council. **Jennifer** stated there is not a long lead time with the council's document. LSEC works on many issues. here is a partial list in which the LSEC is engaged:

Evaluation and communication of water testing results

Education on lake protection

Education on invasive species

Communication with MoE on Tire Reefs

Investigation of drinking water source protection

Education on septic system care

Investigation of shoreline protection bylaws

Investigation of tree cutting bylaws

Education on the public lands act

Education on microplastics, catch and release fishing, fish catch reporting for Armstrong Lake

Education on maintaining dark skies, preventing shoreline erosion

Provision of habitat for bats and birds – education and workshops

Creation of a butterflyway and butterfly gardens in McK twp

Education on climate change issues including electric vehicles

Education on boating safety

Lake water levels – monitor issues. She feels we can not take on more work than we already do. We are volunteers.....paid experts should be doing this work. Jennifer will resign as chair should this proposal go through.

Jennifer shared the resolution. "The LSEC is to be circulated on any and all Documents including but not limited to Official Plan Amendments, Zoning By-Law Amendments, Site Plan Agreements, Consents to Sever Land, Subdivision Agreements, Planning Reports, Environmental Reports, Wildlife Studies etc. The above circulation shall be in a timely manner so as the LSEC has time to prepare a Report to Council prior to the subject matter coming to a Council Meeting for a decision". The members of the LSEC completed a poll, 7 people voted no, so the resolution was defeated. If council comes with something specific for us to deal with, we will consider it.

5. What can we do about the consultant acting for the council and the applicant? Please contact Axy.
6. Tony moved we adjourn, Lynda seconded the motion, approved, adjourned at 7:53

