

# MINUTES

## Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

**Date:** December 1, 2020  
**Location:** Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas  
 Administrative Services Boardroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
**Time:** 1:00 P.M.

**Attendees:** *Members of the Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee*  
 Councillor Ed Ketchabaw (electronic)  
 Councillor Sally Martyn (electronic)  
 Councillor Dominique Giguère (electronic)  
 Heather Derks (electronic)  
 Warden Dave Mennill (electronic)

### *Elgin County Staff*

Chief Administrative Officer, Julie Gonyou (in-person)  
 Supervisor of Legislative Services, Katherine Thompson (electronic)  
 Legislative Services Coordinator, Carolyn Krahn (in-person)

### 1. Call to Order

The Rural Initiatives/Planning Advisory Committee met this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020 in the Administrative Services Boardroom, at the County Administration Building, St. Thomas at 1:00 P.M. Committee Members joined the meeting electronically.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Warden Mennill  
 Seconded by: Councillor Martyn

Resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

### Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Giguère

Seconded by: Warden Mennill

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None.

**5. 2021 Community Grant Program Requests**

The Chair confirmed that Committee members judged the applications according to the criteria set out in the Community Grant Packages.

The Chief Administrative Officer presented information regarding proposed 2021 Community Grant allocations.

Moved by: Warden Mennill  
Seconded by: Heather Derks

RESOLVED THAT the funding request from the Port Stanley Optimists be denied; and

THAT the funding allocation for 4H be increased to \$2,000.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère		No
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Giguère

Seconded by: Warden Mennill

RESOLVED THAT the surplus funds be distributed equally among the three (3) remaining Community Services applications – Second Stage Housing, STEAM Centre, and Multi Service Centre.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks		No
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

Moved by: Warden Mennill  
Seconded by: Councillor Martyn

RESOLVED THAT the application for the Dutton Night Market be rejected as the application does not meet the grant program criteria; and

THAT the funds be reallocated back into the Festival and Events Community Grant Program.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

Moved by: Warden Mennill  
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the funding allocation for the Plowmen’s Association be increased to \$250, and the VON Seniors Day in the Park allocation be increased to \$1,500; and

THAT the remaining allocations be adjusted to accommodate these increases.

**Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Martyn  
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the signage application be approved for the Periscope Playhouse in the amount of \$300.

#### **Recorded Vote**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Sally Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

## **6. Correspondence**

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the correspondence from Loyalist Township to the Prime Minister of Canada and Premier of Ontario regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by the pandemic.

The Committee directed staff to determine whether the federal and provincial governments have announced funding for community groups and services clubs and to present further information to Council if necessary.

## **7. New Business**

The Chief Administrative Officer asked the Committee if they wished to request additional funds from County Council for a second in-take of the Community Grant Program in 2021. The Committee agreed not to request funding for a second in-take at this time and to reconsider in March 2021.

The Committee agreed to ask applicants for feedback on the new grant program when the letters confirming the 2021 funding allocations are sent out.

The Committee will determine the 2021 meeting schedule at the first meeting of 2021.

### 8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be called after the feedback from the applicants has been received in March or April of 2021.

### 9. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Martyn  
Seconded by: Councillor Mennill

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 2:05 p.m. to meet again in March or April of 2021.

#### Recorded Vote

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Warden Dave Mennill	Yes	
Councillor Dominique Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Martyn	Yes	
Heather Derks	Yes	
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.