

Approved September 22, 2016
Peterborough Town Library
Meeting Minutes September 6, 2016

Present: Marcia Patten (Chair), Karen Struthers (Treasurer), Ron Bowman, and Jeannie West

Others Present: Corinne Chronopoulos (Library Director), Rodney Bartlett (Town Administrator), Tina Kriebel (1833 Society), Sue Martin(1833 Society), Aaron Lachance (Hoyle, Tanner), Matt Low (Hoyle, Tanner).

Meeting called to order: 2:00 pm

Hoyle Tanner Presentation:

Matt Lowe of Hoyle Tanner gave a brief presentation of the Main street project details. Hoyle Tanner are the engineer consultant to the town for the design of the project. The Library trustees are a consulting party/ abutter to the project.

The project is currently in the final stages of approvals through the National Environment Protection Act.

The project includes a pedestrian bridge on the downstream side of the bridge that connects to the front lawn of the library. There are several advantages to this design including:

- It allowed a sidewalk to be eliminated and the width of the bridge “stone edge to stone edge” to be maintained.
- The town waterline can be updated and run underneath the pedestrian bridge.
- The utilities can be rerouted underground on the 202 side and then run under the pedestrian bridge.
- There are advantages in how the construction can be sequenced if there is a pedestrian bridge and this would shorten project duration and help to keep the project cost down.
- A pedestrian bridge on the upstream side is complicated by the impact to the abutter.

The current design for the pedestrian bridge is a black truss bridge. The pedestrian bridge design process was not part of the cultural resources review process, as it is a new structure.

Tina Kriebel spoke of the impact of the pedestrian bridge on the library project. The design of the pedestrian bridge and overall impact on the view will have a direct impact on the library project. The library will be reoriented to connect with town and green spaces will be created along the river. The group is very concerned with how the design of the pedestrian bridge will be integrated into the design of the library site.

Tina Kriebel asked how we will be able to integrate our architect, when they are in place, into the conversation about the pedestrian bridge design.

Matt Low stated the design needs to be done by February 2017. He emphasized that as soon as we have selected an architect, it should be a top priority for the architect to meet with Hoyle Tanner and discuss. He also stated there may be budget implications and DOT may not fund an increase in the cost of the pedestrian bridge.

All parties agreed that the pedestrian bridge makes sense to the main street bridge project because of the reasons laid out by Hoyle Tanner. The library trustees and 1833 building committee remain very concerned about the design and look forward to a solution between the library project architects and Hoyle Tanner.

Corinne Chronopoulos asked about the revenue for the staging site on the library property.

Rodney Bartlett stated that the costs to relocate the library (rent of temporary space) or revenues from the library sit were not allowed by the DOT to be included in the documents for the project. DOT suggested that Hoyle Tanner make it known to contractors that bid on the project that this land is available for rent and to talk with the library.

Chronopoulos asked for guidance on assigning a monthly rent to the library site. Bartlett will work with her to give the Trustees a figure for the FY 2018 budget.

It was suggested the library trustees/ Director prepare a package with full details for renting the site that includes specifications on what space can be used, what access library staff will retain to the site, and the condition the site should be left in.

The project will be going to bid in the fall of 2017/ early 2018 and the package should be prepared for the prebid meeting with interested contractors.

3:26pm MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM PUBLIC SESSION, RB, JW MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted, Corinne Chronopoulos, Library Director