

Paisley Teeswater Bridge Working Group
August 4, 2022 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Via Teams
Minutes

Sylvia Kirkwood – CAO, Arran-Elderslie
Councillor Melissa Kanmacher, Paisley Ward, Arran-Elderslie
Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager
Julie Reid – Deputy Clerk, Arran-Elderslie
Carly Steinhoff, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation, Arran-Elderslie
Tori Matichuk – Economic Development Officer, Bruce County
Mike Downing – OPP
Jen Christie, Paisley & District Chamber of Commerce & Business Owner
Erik Downing – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Sandra Crockard – My Main Street
Justin Hill – Looby Construction
James Colaco, PDCC
Chief Steve Tiernan, Arran-Elderslie Fire Chief

Absent

Amanda Froese – Bruce County
Kelly Vader – B.M. Ross
Chelsea Campbell – My Main Street
Deputy Mayor Mark Davis, Arran-Elderslie

1. Welcome

Sylvia opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

- March 31, 2022
- April 26, 2022
- June 28, 2022
- July 27, 2022

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Bruce County Bridge Update – Amanda Froese/Kelly Vadar

Justin Hill from Looby provided an update on behalf of Bruce County. Traffic will be moved to the new bridge August 10th, weather dependant for Monday and Tuesday. This will take place mid afternoon following setup. Once moved to temp bridge, barricades will be placed and fencing erected. They plan to be off the road at 5:30. The pop-up event is then planned for the evening of August 10th beginning at 7 pm. The fences will be open for the event and some extension cords etc. will be left for use at the event.

A questioned was raised regarding anything that could hold up confirming the event. The weather is the only factor.

It was also mentioned that the old bridge would be reduced to one lane on Monday and Tuesday for work.

Chief Tiernan questioned if the jersey barrier by the firehall would be in place by Wednesday. Justin confirmed it would be in place next week and temporary barriers in place until that takes place.

The OPP have noted the road closures and will advise the detachment of the pop-up event.

4. Arran-Elderslie Public Works Update – Scott McLeod

There was no update from the Public Works Manager.

5. Where the Rivers Meet Initiative

- Teeswater Bridge Marketing Campaign and Placemaking Report
- Bridge Closing Ceremony/Pop-Up Event
- Event Planning

Sylvia provided an overview of the report that was provided. The report outlines the marketing & communications activities, events and supporting materials

planned to deliver on the objectives outlined in the My Main Street placemaking grant and support the Paisley community during the Teeswater River Bridge Replacement.

A list of events that will be taking place has been created and a future one will be created for fall events. A map of all Paisley businesses has also been created.

Formerly called My Main Street and now branded as The Where the Rivers Meet Initiative, the campaign messaging will focus on people coming together to reconnect and engage with one another in the beautiful and creative village of Paisley while highlighting the assets in the village.

Careful attention is being paid to purchasing items that have a life that extends the length of the project and can become a municipally used asset following the project and dispersed throughout the municipality.

The Where the Rivers Meet Initiative is driven by a committee that consists of:

- Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
- Trinity Theatre
- Paisley Art Scape Society
- Paisley and District Chamber of Commerce
- Arran-Elderslie Youth Council

Reports outlining how the project is progressing will be provided at future meetings to ensure that the Working Group kept informed on portion of the project.

Councillor Kanmacher questioned who would be responsible for updating the Paisley Village Facebook page. It was noted that the Chamber is responsible for the social media area of sharing information. This item will be followed up with the Chamber.

Sylvia thanked those involved with the work involved in this initiative that has taken place so far.

It was recommended that the landscape architect be involved with the purchasing of the furniture and where it will be placed now and, in the future, following the projects completion. Also, the artwork that is being proposed for the old Thompson Bros furniture should be brought back to the group for approval before moving ahead.

As discussed previously, the pop-up event is scheduled for August 10th at 7 p.m.

6. Roundtable Updates from Attendees

SVCA – Continues to work with the contractors and modifying things as necessary

BCED – Tori added that the County would like to be involved in promoting the event through Explore the Bruce and other avenues they have available. She will reach out to those involved with the event to assist where possible. She also added that Spruce the Bruce funding may be able to assist with some of the signage and other needs.

Carly, AE Rec – Dry run of the Zamboni did not go well so they are working with Looby to come up with an appropriate solution.

Steve, AE Fire – The fire department will continue to monitor traffic back up at the temporary bridge entrance and work with the contractor if any issues arise.

7. Next Meeting Date

August 17, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

8. Follow Up on Action Items

- Landscape Design/Street Furniture
- Parking Plan