

**Tara Community Working Group
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Remax Office, 18 Yonge St N, Tara
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Members Present: Karen Kerker
Brett McMullen
Deputy Mayor Jennifer Shaw
Tara Ward Councillor Peter Steinacker
Dave Tedford
Ken Thornburn

Staff Present: Jennifer Isber-Legge - Economic Development &
Communications Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair Jen Shaw called the meeting to order.

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Subsequent to further discussion, the following resolution was passed.

Moved by: Karen Kerker

Seconded by: Ken Thornburn

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Tara Community Working Group be received and adopted as distributed by the Economic Development and Communications Coordinator.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None disclosed

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Deferred to next meeting

5. New Business

5.1 Tara Downtown Parkette

Recreation and Facilities Manager Steinhoff joined the meeting to consult on possible uses for the Tara Parkette.

There is a general consensus to encourage residents and visitors to use the park to gather, for potential events like small open air markets, music, celebrations, and to allow for picnics.

Potential upgrades to the park infrastructure could include water and electrical access for users.

Could use upgraded playground equipment. How much and what age group?

Signage to that residents and visitors know the park is there is important in the short term.

Should the park be fenced since it is surrounded by backyards and opens onto a busy parking lot?

Action; staff will discuss water and electric possibilities

5.2 Holiday Lights

Jen shared information on the quality of lights and that the tree design is of poorer quality with a shorter life expectancy. Images of a similar, higher quality light were shared along with some other light designs. Purchase is pending grant approval.

Subsequent to further discussion the following resolution was passed.

Moved by: Dave Tedford

Seconded by: Karen Kerker

Be is resolved that the committee selects and supports the green LED tree with the white star as presented.

Carried

6. Upcoming Business

6.1 Terms of Reference

Jen shared that a staff report would be submitted for council consideration to amend the terms of reference for this committee to include

The Committee may be consulted by Council to consider discussions, proposals, or decisions that impact the downtown area of Tara, including the review and consideration of bylaws.

This change might also be a good time to encourage applications to the TCWG to support this new role. The committee may need to meet more often to accommodate this change.

There was general agreement with the proposed amendments as presented.

7. Action Items Tracking Sheet

No additions or edits at this time.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 15. Location TBA

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Ken Thornburn

Seconded by: Brett McMullen

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at

Carried

Chair

Secretary