

**Notes of the Town Hall Meeting of Port Clements held Thursday, May 21, 2009 in the Council Chambers**

**Present:**

Acting Mayor Hughes-McMullon  
Councillor Cheer  
Councillor Stewart  
Councillor Traplin

Clerk/Treasurer Heather Nelson-Smith

Press

Public Present:

Craig Beachy  
Clint Beachy  
Eli Beachy  
Jessie Fletcher  
Terry Ingalls  
Kare Ingalls  
Cheri Kleidon  
Adele Kupp  
Sambhu Nath  
Gloria O'Brien  
Travis O'Brien  
Evelyn Robinson  
George Ryland  
Erin Ryland  
Urs Thomas  
Ernie Thompson  
Lana Wilhem  
Ellen Woolverton  
Roy Woolverton

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

It was moved by Councillor Cheer seconded by Councillor Stewart to adopt the agenda  
**CARRIED**

For the purposes of the input from the public, point form as noted was taken. Names of individuals who made comments or suggestions was not recorded and all notes from this point are not resolutions nor the direction of the Port Clements Council. These notes will be used for future planning and discussion of the Council and its sub committees.

**Tourism**

-Not necessary to have an info centre manned but to have a community board for people to go to.

-Terry Ingalls introduced plans for a business on his property that would include a tourism info component without town funding

-Map with points of interest at the highway kiosk  
What's available in town and what we offer

Painted sign

The pull off at the highway is under utilized  
Vandalism is an issue with the highway kiosk  
-Don't count on MIEDS all secret meetings and all that  
-In favour of free enterprise

-Talk to the tourism info centers about promoting Port Clements

### **Infrastructure:**

-Wharf-Build a Gazebo at the end of the dock  
-Will take a lot of beating on the dock from weather  
-Gazebo – flea markets, showcasing local materials  
-Use the chevron site for construction  
-Chevron property purchase  
-The issue is the vandalism and maintenance  
-Have to think about maintenance  
-Why build more if we can't maintain what we have  
-Need a docking facility in Port Clements that is accessible

### **Free Crown Land for:**

-Barge ramps-value added to jobs  
-A Mid-Island Recreational Centre.

### **Program C.O.P.S, Citizens On Patrol- become a part of policing in the community**

-Police presence has increased in the past 12 months  
-Stronger bond between the community and the police  
-Don't like being stopped by the cops.  
-Let them know that we can handle it on our own as a community

### **Web page**

No comment happy that

### **Pins**

-Too expensive  
-What are their purpose?  
-Contact Nebs for price of pens

### **Trails**

-Advertising campaign for Port Clements

### **Sunset Park BBQ**

-Should be at the community park not the Sunset Park, it was clarified that the intent was to promote usage of entire town not just community park  
-To show beautification progress of Sunset Park

### **Metal guards on the bird tower**

-Need proper treads as metal guards are sharp and dangerous

### **Community Park**

-Structures need to be replaced  
-Resurfacing and putting a cover over the court and rink  
-Suggestions for moving Beer Gardens to the old concession stands- not out of question but it is better to keep it where it is since it is out of the way  
-Formal cover for the beer gardens  
-Middle access might be better for a new concession stand  
-Need more picnic tables and benches

### **Grants**

-Mid island recreation centre.

### **Employment**

- Posting notices
- Works
- The Village has some works that can be done through hiring.

### **Employment structure on the web site**

- Would like to see what each employee's job description is working for the Village
- Hiring process

### **Senior's assisted living facility**

- There is a need for one but we need better health care first
- Business plan and a town referendum
- Disabled persons should fall under the applicable to stay in the proposed senior's facility

### **Transplanting a permanent Christmas tree into the center of town**

- Christmas committee decorates

### **Tourism meeting next Wednesday**

### **Village newsletters**

- Interest is there

### **Facebook**

- Creating a Facebook page in hopes of keeping the community more informed of upcoming events and issues. Also discussion boards are available.
- News letters for people who want it.

### **How often to see these meetings?**

- Once every 2 or 3 months
- More issues= more meetings
- Want open dialogue and less structure at next meeting

**Adjourned 10:07**