Community Development Committee
Minutes from meeting: September 13, 2018
Location: WRC Conference Room

Community Development Committee present: Tim Arsenault (chair), Lynn Barrett, Stephen Dotson, Roger Turner, and Robert McBride
Staff present: Susan McMahon

Called to order 5:32 pm

1. **Introductions/Minutes Approval**
   The minutes of 9 August 2018 were approved.

2. **Regional Plan – Utilities, Facilities and Technology**
   The Committee discussed each of the subject areas in the chapter and came up with the following issues that need to be discussed in the regional plan revision.

   **Water Supply**
   - Many of the region villages are not served by public water systems
   - In communities that have public water systems the infrastructure is aging
   - Making sure our groundwater is safe from contaminants
   - Is there enough capacity in public water systems for future industrial/commercial development?
   - The use of bottled water implies that our drinking water is not safe
   - Need to promote the use of grey water systems
   - Saving water is saving energy

   **Wastewater**
   - Many of the region villages are not served by public wastewater
   - In communities that have public wastewater systems the infrastructure is aging
   - Is there enough capacity in public wastewater systems for future industrial/commercial development?
   - Need to discuss Rich Earth as it relates to wastewater
   - Encourage innovative systems
   - Pharmaceuticals in wastewater

   **Solid Waste**
   - PFOA
   - Need education and programs for recycling and composting
   - Support businesses that are coming up with innovovate solutions
   - Support businesses that are repurposing
   - Encourage reduction to solid waste

   **Police**
   - Need to update the State Police location information
• Rural towns struggle on policing needs

Hospital
• Add information on urgent care
• Workforce needs
• Financial constraints
• Add information on hospice

Elder Care
• Need for more social opportunities for elderly

Mental Health
• Ways to eliminate the stigma of mental health
• Need to discuss addiction recovery not just opioid
• Substance abuse is pervasive in our society and we should support treatment, healthy alternatives and education

Human Services
• Need to work on this section and flush it out more.

Communication Infrastructure
• Future capacity for energy and economic development in our region
• Concern that land line services may be cut
• Need for service for some areas is still a problem

3. Next Regional Plan Topic Area
After a discussion the Committee felt that they would like to work on the Education, Cultural and Recreation Resources chapter.

4. Update Announcement in Topic Areas
• Sibling Region: S. Dotson updated the Committee that the Sibling Region subcommittee has been established and has begun meeting

5. Other Business/Next Meeting
Next meeting – October 11, 2018
Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.