

City of St. Catharines
Citizens' Advisory Committee on Community Sustainability
Wednesday, May 29, 2013
Committee Room, St. Catharines City Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: Marty Mako (Chair), Councillor Greg Washuta, Phil Baranoski, Bernie Slepko, Sam Mahboob, Erin Britnell

Regrets: Councillor Mathew Siscoe, Dan Romanko, Vanessa Aykroyd, Sam Mahboob

Staff: Erin O'Hoski, Bonnie Nistico-Dunk

1. Chair Mako called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. Adoption of Notes

That the notes of the April 24, 2013 meeting be approved.

Moved by: G. Washuta

Seconded by: P. Baranoski

3. Delegations

- Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk, presented information related to the City's new policy on streamlined committee procedures, approved April 2013. It is necessary for Advisory Committees to pass procedural rules for operating as a committee. Procedures include rules for having a closed meeting. Highlights of the policy will be distributed electronically to all members in June.
- Erin O'Hoski, Corporate Planning Officer, provided information regarding the City's 2013 review of its Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP provides financial incentives to the private sector to advance community goals that are tied to plans for public sector investment. The current CIP funds brownfield remediation, residential intensification, improved site use and façade improvement in six project areas in the City. Current themes arising from the review include: acceptance of applications for across the city, incentives for job creation/ energy/ accessibility; strengthened urban design requirements; and increased transparency/ clarity/ accountability. Members expressed support for energy efficiency and cited concerns that a City-wide program might spread resources too thin.

4. No Notice of Motion

5. Motions

- That the Committee designate water conservation as the theme for the July 31 meeting.

Moved by: G. Washuta, Carried

6. New Business

- Marty Mako reported on heritage tree designation discussions at the St. Catharines Heritage Committee. The Heritage Committee will be meeting with the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee to discuss this issue further in the coming months.
- The Canada Green Building Event occurred at the Balls Falls Centre for Conservation on May 23. Information regarding outcomes will be distributed to members.
- The Smarter Niagara Summit will take place on June 6 in Port Colborne.
- The Commuter Challenge will take place during the first week of June.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Catharines City Hall. The theme for the June 26 meeting is community engagement, as moved by the Committees at its April 24 meeting. Suggested delegations will be accepted by staff until June 7.

7. Adjournment

- That the May 29 meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Moved by: E. Britnell, Carried