



GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

5:00 pm

St. Catharines City Hall, 50 Church Street: Committee Room #1

Meeting Minutes

Present: Matt Holley, Mark Jemison, Lou Marcantonio, John Sheehan

Staff: Kristen Sullivan, Rick Tapp

Regrets: Tony Di Paola, David Haywood, James McWilliam, Jesse Matthews, Dan Dillon, Councilor Harris, Councilor Stevens

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm with 4 members in attendance

Correspondence

1. Rick Tapp – Community Improvement Plan 2013 Review

- Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is a financial incentive program available within St. Catharines that funds brownfield remediation, residential intensification, redevelopment of sites that aren't currently used to their full potential, façade improvement
- Program being reviewed because of the many successful projects
- Potential to expand the program beyond current areas (Downtown, Queenston, Hartzel Road/Merriton, Oakdale-Moffat, Western Hill, 583 Welland Ave.)
- Possibility to include greening as a criteria in the program

2. Friends of Laura Secord

- Bridge installed this week
- Green Committee currently listed as partners on website, and the Friends are interested in publicity and press opportunities

3. Kristen Sullivan – Draft Zoning By-Law Meeting

- Joint meeting with the Culture Committee, Port Dalhousie Heritage District Advisory Committee and St. Catharines Heritage Committee to be held as an opportunity to provide the City with feedback
- Meeting to be held at the Mills Room at the Central Library from 5-6:30pm on Thursday May 30, 2013
- **Action:** M. Jemison to attend meeting

Guest Speakers

4. Laura Collings – Climate Action Niagara (CAN)

- CAN is developing a Fruit Tree Trail along 12 Mile Creek and Dick's/Old Welland Canal in St. Catharines and is looking for funding and partnership opportunities and for feedback from the Committee
- CAN will salvage existing fruit trees along the trails and plant additional trees and shrubs when possible
- Currently speaking with Garden of Eating Niagara, Niagara Region, Walker Industries, Laura Secord Secondary School
- CAN will provide the Committee with an itemized list including budget



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- **Action:** K. Sullivan to provide contact information to CAN regarding other possible partners and resources

5. Peter Thompstone – Member of the Downtown Development and Revitalization Committee (DDRC)

- DDRC provides leadership and vision for a renewed downtown, identify and develop community-wide partnerships, pursue key initiatives that will act as catalysts for downtown revitalization
- DDRC has proposed the development of a Civic Square in downtown, with the long term goal of creating a pedestrian only space on James St. between King St. and Church St.
- As a pilot project the DDRC has proposed developing a “pop-up patio” style pedestrian area in 15 parking spots at Market Square. Pilot project still requires approval but Councillors have expressed interest.
- DDRC currently seeking partnership and funding opportunities.
- **Action:** Green Committee to discuss partnership opportunities

Current Project Update

1. Niagara West Train Station Revitalization

- No update
- **Action:** Vote to be conducted at next meeting

2. North Pearson Park Arboretum

- Water services need to be turned on, but water will be available

3. Geneva/406 Naturalization

- Contractor replaced trees in April, some may already need replacing
- Replacements will be covered through warranty

4. Tree Give-Away Contest Planting

- Received 9 entries for contest
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to email entry forms to Committee members
- **Action:** Committee to select winners at next meeting
- **Action:** M. Holley to act as liaison with winners

5. 70 Duncan Drive Tree Planting

- Funding was allocated in 2012 but was not carried over, to be revisited at June meeting

6. Johansson's Bar

- No movement

7. Friends of Laura Secord Trail



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- Discussed in Correspondence
- 8. Entrance to the City Greening – Merritt/Ormond**
 - Project should be installed within the next week
- 9. NPCA – Canopy for Kids**
 - No movement
- 10. Earth Day Event**
 - Event to held at Fairview Mall, Monday April 22 from 4:00-8:00pm was successful
- 11. Flower Pot Program**
 - Currently undersold, flowerpots could be utilized for Civic Square project with the DDRC
 - **Action:** Committee members to distribute flyers to businesses

2013 Project Proposals

- 12. Flat Iron Garden – Welland/Welland Vale**
 - **Action:** L. Marcantonio to update plan to include highway sign
- 13. Glendale Avenue Gateway – Glendale/Welland Canals Parkway**
 - Opportunity for partnership with recently promoted Canal Worker Memorial
 - **Action:** L. Marcantonio to research partnerships
- 14.88 Queenston**
 - **Action:** Committee to vote on project at next meeting
- 15.62 St. Paul St. W**
 - No movement
- 16. Revitalizing/Maintenance of previous Green Committee Projects**
 - **Action:** M. Holley to provide list of previous projects
- 17. Water Protection for 2013**
 - No movement
- 18. Landmark Building – Church Street**
 - **Action:** Committee to vote on project at next meeting
- 19. Casa Leone – Hartzel Road**
 - No movement
- 20. Lake Street Reconstruction**



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21.2013 Trillium Awards

- Changes made to categories last year worked well, need to do a better job promoting the awards this year
- Funding hasn't been allocated for 2013 awards yet

Items for Future Consideration

22. Merritt Trail (from Geneva to Glendale)

- No movement

23. Port Dalhousie East/West Beautification

- No movement

24. Gateway Project – St. Paul & Louth

- No movement

25. Hydro One Corridor

- No movement

26. Oakhill Park

- No movement

27. 12 Mile Utility Ecosystem Opportunity Committee

- No movement

28. Mansion House Vine Planting

- No movement

29. Memorial Cenotaph Rejuvenation

- No movement

Budget Update

30. Budget Update

- Budget circulated via email
- No changes

Adjournment: 7:17

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 12th, 2013, 5:00pm in Committee Room 1