

City of St. Catharines
Citizens' Advisory Committee on Community Sustainability
Wednesday, August 28, 2013
Committee Room, St. Catharines City Hall

MINUTES

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

Regrets: Councillor Greg Washuta, Dan Romanko, Vanessa Aykroyd

Staff: Erin O'Hoski

1. Chair Mako called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

That the agenda for the August 28 meeting be approved.

Moved by: Phil Baranoski

Seconded by: Erin Britnell

Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes

That the minutes of the July 31, 2013 meeting be approved.

Moved by: Bernie Slepko

Seconded by: Sam Mahboob

Carried

3. Delegations

- Andrew Spiers, Brock University, spoke to members about a class project planned for the fall term in the Tourism and Environment Department. In the past, the Committee has partnered with the class to develop strategies related to sustainability and community engagement. This year staff are proposing an assignment to engage students in the 2014 municipal election and develop strategies that will increase voter participation. Students will be asked to present their strategies to civic representatives at the end of the term, on November 28. Members suggested additional resources for students such as the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce and apathyisboring.com.

4. No Notice of Motion

5. Motions

That Sam Mahboob, Bernie Slepko and Phil Baranoski attend class presentations on November 28 to provide feedback to students on behalf of the committee.

Moved by: Bernie Slepko
Seconded by: Phil Baranoski
Carried

That the Governance Committee be informed of this project and that representatives be requested to attend class presentations on November 28.

Moved by: Bernie Slepko
Seconded by: Sam Mahboob

That review of the committee work plan be designated as the theme for the October 30 meeting.

Moved by: Bernie Slepko
Seconded by: Sam Mahboob
Carried

That the matter of committee promotional cards be referred to the centre of expertise on community engagement in order to advise on engagement objectives and inform the best use of the tool.

Moved by: Erin Britnell
Seconded by: Phil Baranoski
Carried

6. New Business

- Review of committee discussion cards was referred to the center of expertise on community engagement to provide recommendations on the best use of the tool.
- Bernie Slepko provided an update on his participation in the Crowdsourcing Sustainability project. The task force has been developing categories that will enable members of the public to post sustainable sites to an online map.
- Staff indicated that websites and signs associated with the Walk STC project are operational. Erin Britnell is investigating potential to use the Walk STC model at the June 2014 FCM conference in Niagara Falls.

7. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

8. Adjournment

- That the August 28 meeting be adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Moved by: Erin Britnell
Carried