



Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
MAYOR'S GRAFFITI COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, Sept 17, 2013

5:00 to 6:00pm

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

Meeting Notes

Present: Mayor Brian McMullan, Councillor Jeff Burch, Councillor Joe Kushner
Staff: Stacey Wells (Legal), Kristen Sullivan (RCS)
Tisha Polocko, Ben Hannan, Holly Washuta, Kris Akilie, Selby Harris, Milica Kovacevich, Michelle Gagnon

Regrets: Paul Jackson (NRP), John Stainsby (DSBN), Dan Trainor (NCDSB)
Stacey Sheehan, Dave Schulz, Peter Voulgaridis, Daniel Frye, Edmund Bruckner

Welcome and introductions of new members ~ Mayor McMullan

Approval of meeting notes from March 26, 2013

- All in favour
- Carried

1. Joint Mural Task Force ~ Tisha Polocko

Motion, Tisha Polocko

That the Graffiti Committee dedicates \$20,000, over time, from the Graffiti budget toward the Civic Mural Program and that appropriate city sites will be chosen in consultation with RCS staff

- All in favour
- Carried

2. QEW Greening Initiative ~ Kristen Sullivan

- Success is reported with the majority of the plantings which have taken place

Action, RCS staff

RCS to move forward this fall with next phase of planting prioritizing high visibility sites to include sites on the sound barrier within direct sightlines of homes

3. Graffiti stats ~ Kristen Sullivan

- Since Jan, 11 graffiti complaints of graffiti on private property (5 are resolved, 1 unwarranted and 5 are outstanding)
- Since March, 149 work orders issued for graffiti reported to the graffiti hotline
- Only 1 inquiry on the Graffiti Removal Program (no action taken)
- No report from NRP received

Action, Ben Hannan

Ben to make graffiti reports to the Graffiti hotline on sites he has witnessed and RCS will cross reference to reports which have already been reported for review

Action, Kristen Sullivan

Kristen will investigate recurring graffiti (reported by Milica Kovacevich) on private property bordering St Patrick's Park and investigate mitigating measures

4. Interpretation of graffiti on private property ~ Kristen Sullivan

- City has had two instances where graffiti has been reported on private property
- In each instance, the "graffiti" was commissioned and paid for by the homeowner
- City's Nuisance by law defines graffiti as "images or lettering scratched, scrawled, painted or any form of marking on property that does not belong to the artist"
- The City will not enforce any reports of this nature against a private property owner who has given permission to an artist

5. Status of volunteers and city legalities ~ Stacey Wells

- This issue has been referred to the senior management team for their consideration
- HR is concurrently working on a draft policy to be completed within next month
- Waivers will be considered

Action, Stacey Wells

Stacey to report back at next Graffiti meeting

6. Mainstream update ~ Kris Akilie

- Graffiti clean up has gone down in general
- Mainstream has expanded their services to include gum removal, window washing, driveway cleaning to corporate customers
- Goal is to sustain operations and opportunities for Mainstream clients

7. Shoreline Clean up ~ Holly Washuta

- Saturday September 21, 10am to 12pm
- Sites are Green Ribbon Trail, Mountainview Lock Trail, Glen Morris Drive
- All are welcome to help out

Next meeting: January 2014 (date to be determined in December)

Meeting adjourned: 6:00pm