



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

Tuesday, Nov 19, 2013

5:00 to 6:00pm

St. Catharines City Hall, 50 Church Street: Ante Room

Meeting Notes

Present: Mayor Brian McMullan, Councillor Greg Washuta
Staff: Stacey Wells (Legal), Kristen Sullivan (RCS)
Tisha Polocko, Ben Hannan, Holly Washuta, Kris Akilie, Selby Harris, Milica Kovacevich, Filomena Goldsworthy for John Stainsby

Regrets: Councillor Jeff Burch
Paul Jackson (NRP), John Stainsby (DSBN), Dan Trainor (NCDSB)
Stacey Sheehan, Dave Schulz, Daniel Frye, Edmund Bruckner, Kris Akilie, Michelle Gagnon

Welcome and roundtable introductions ~ Mayor McMullan

1. Corporate Accessibility Training ~ Julie Hughes

- See handouts, Accessibility for Ontarians Disability Act training manual

Action, Committee members

- *Volunteer training manuals to be read with instructions to complete the Knowledge Check List and return asap to Mayor's Office*

2. CrimeStoppers CASH arena board replacement ~ Kristen Sullivan

- 7 arena boards need to be replaced at cost of \$121.00 each plus HST

Motion, Ben Hannan

- *That the Graffiti Committee consents to the replacement of each of the 7 CrimeStoppers arena boards at a total cost of \$847.00 plus HST and that the contact information on the poster be verified prior to replacement. That the Mayor's Office notify CrimeStoppers of the continued efforts to deter graffiti*

Seconded, Selby Harris

All in favour

Carried

3. Graffiti vandalism at McCalla/Carlton ~ Kristen Sullivan

Councillor Greg Washuta

- Photos circulated
- Large scale graffiti vandalism on fencing and sheds affecting several homeowners who back onto the public walking trail corridor
- NRP notified, tags photographed with incident reports
- Discussion on how the Committee can best expedite graffiti removal efforts without the City incurring liability

Motion, Milica Kovacevich

- *That the Graffiti Committee request Council's approval to grant the Graffiti Committee the ability to use their discretion on a case by case basis to increase the ratio of city funding from 50% up to 100% for applicants to the City's Graffiti Removal Program*

All in favour

Carried

Action, Councillor Washuta

- *Councillor Washuta to make the request at Council on Dec 2, 2013*

Motion, Milica Kovacevich

- *That, if the above motion is approved by Council on Dec 2, 2013, the Graffiti Committee will cover 100% of the cost of graffiti removal to all the homeowners identified in the McCalla/Carlton area whose private property was vandalized by graffiti*

All in favour

Carried

Action, Councillor Washuta and city staff

- *Councillor Washuta to report the names and addresses of the homeowners to staff (Kristen Sullivan/Julie Hughes)*
- *Staff to distribute graffiti removal contractor information, applications for the Graffiti Removal Program along with a personalized letter (which will outline the percentage to be covered by the City as approved by Council on Dec 2)*

4. Private property bordering St Patrick's Park ~ Milica Kovacevich

- Staff reports that there have never been graffiti reported on this property
- However, business does get targeted due to location
- Discussion on how the City could help to mitigate graffiti, fencing or planting

Action, Kristen Sullivan

- *RCS staff will investigate planting vines at this location in the spring*

5. Volunteer Policy update~ Stacey Wells

- HR has not completed draft policy
- Ben Hannan requests stakeholder participation in review

Action, Stacey Wells

- *Stacey will pass along Ben's suggestion to HR*

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:00pm