

## Minutes

**Wednesday, September 09, 2015**

**Burgoyne Woods Room – City Hall at 5:00 pm**

### **Attendance:**

Peter Thompstone, Dick Thomas, Stephen Holmes, Councillor David Haywood

### **Absent:**

Mary Jane Clark, Peter Howes, Lana Phan, James McWilliam

### **Guest:**

John Stevens

### **Staff Liaison:**

Mike Anderson, Christine Adams, Emma Lahay

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1. **Call meeting to order (Peter Thompstone)**  
5:00 pm
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**  
None
3. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Dick Thomas
4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
Dick Thomas
5. **Presentations (invited guests)**  
**Lou Marcantonio – Club Roma Board Member**
  - The 2014 Green Committee committed \$3500 for landscaping improvements to Club Roma.
  - When the previous committee wrote the wording of the funds committed, it was specified only for tree planting, a misunderstanding that Mr. Marcantonio did not notice until recently. He is here to request the wording be changed from “tree planting” to “greening of the park.”

Mr. Marcantonio has ensured the committee that the money donated will be used for greening purposes, and may include but not limited to only tree planting

- Mr. Marcantonio also spoke that Club Roma is committed to placing a plaque or sign in the park to recognize the donation from the Green Advisory Committee – this is something that needs to be followed up on
- No vote took place due to lack of quorum – vote to be scheduled for October committee meeting

### **Darren Platakis – Geospatial Niagara**

- treeOcode Niagara is a Geospatial Niagara community engagement initiative working to canvas trees in the Niagara Region. This program promotes citizen engagement and education across the Region. treeOcode can address and assist tree issues alongside the Green Advisory Committee
  - An example would be canopy estimation
- The City is currently working on a census of boulevard trees. treeOcode would like to see the maps combined in the future
- At this time, data has been collected in parks in the Port Dalhousie area (265 trees total)
  - Data shows environmental and cost saving impacts that trees have in the city on a per year basis.
- The integrity of the data was questioned, it was felt that members of the public do not have the same expertise as someone educated in forestry. Darren spoke that the data can be layered to take out information added by the public if need be
- Peter Thompson asked what is the next step with treeOcode and the Green Advisory Committee
  - Geospatial Niagara has the intent to partner with the Green Advisory Committee on future projects that would help promote and canvas trees on private and public property
  - Events could include targeting a specific neighborhood to have a canvassing day
  - Classrooms surveying trees on their school property
  - Mike Anderson spoke that this goal aligns with the Green Advisory Committee's mandate of education stewardship
- The goals of a partnership would include:
  - Providing endorsement and cooperation to promote tree canopy, tree cover, and tree benefits within the City of St. Catharines

- Educate the public and council about the importance of the tree canopy
- Add Geospatial Niagara to October's agenda for further discussion

## 6. **Business arising from the minutes**

- **Update on the budget**
  - Still some decisions regarding the Trillium Awards
  - After donating \$1000 to the Niagara Restoration Council the remaining balance for 2015 is \$15390
- **Update on 327 Glendale Project**
  - Water options provided by Christine Adams
  - Estimated cost for having water at 327 Glendale is \$13000
    - A staff person would come, attached a hose and complete the watering with this option
    - Christine would get a tender; work would be done sometime in fall 2015. Plant material donated from the Horticulture Society will go in spring 2016
      - Mike – the plant material in stores now is not top of the line so it would be better to wait to plant in spring 2016
    - Peter T – would like to see something go in the site. It was discussed that the trees located in the “crescent” could be planted this fall. The plans call for Maples, this needs to be changed to another species
      - Mike A., Peter T., and James M., to discuss species
      - The City will provide the trees in the crescent
  - No decision could be made on this water option due to lack of quorum. To be added to the October agenda
- **Lake Street and James Street Intersection**
  - Provided by Mike Anderson
  - The creation of a “gateway to downtown”
  - At this time the Region does not anticipate any roadwork in the near future (3-5 years) – it is unknown if work will be done in the long term
  - The Green Advisory Committee could do some temporary work at this location to “spruce it up”
  - To be added to the agenda for further discussion
- **Trillium Awards – Green Leadership Award**
  - Bob Ziraldo – work with spading out trees
  - Donna Van Weenen – work with horticulture society, past Green Committee member, and other volunteer work

- It was decided that the committee will give out two green leadership awards at this year's ceremony
- Peter Thompstone to do a small presentation

7. **Business**

**7.1 Waste Reduction Week Eco Fair – IO Property Standards**

- Green Advisory Committee members welcome to attend this event. More information can be found in an email sent by Mike Anderson

8. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

9. **Motion to Adjourn**

Dick Thomas – 6:58pm