

Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Ante Room – City Hall at 5:00 pm

Attendance:

Mary Jane Clark, Stephen Holmes, Peter Howes, Lana Phan, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompstone

Regrets:

James McWilliam

Staff Liaison:

Christine Adams, Mike Anderson

1. **Call meeting to order (Peter Thompstone)**
5:00 pm

2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
Nil

3. **Motion to approve the agenda**
Peter Howes

4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
Amendment to 9 March 2016 Minutes:

The Green Advisory Committee - 2016 Project List (spreadsheet) forms part of the 9 March minutes and should be included with the minutes when distributed.

5. **Presentations** (Yaneth Londono - Links for Greener Learning.)
 - Yaneth gave a presentation on what Links for Greener Learning was doing and what assistance they could use to assist with their endeavours.
 - The GAC received the presentation and advised they would consider possible financial assistance when discussing 2016 GAC project up-dates (Agenda Item 6).

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

- **Update on the budget.** Although there was no formal update on the budget, both Christine and Mike shared budget information during subsequent project discussions.
- **Tree Sub-Committee.** Peter Howes reviewed the work the sub-committee had done which resulted in a draft submission for the 'Tree By-Law drafting authorities'.
 - Stephen Holmes made several suggestions to try to clarify parts of the proposed By-Law submission.
 - Peter Howes, on behalf of the Tree By-Law sub-committee, offered to amend the draft and to circulate the revision to GAC members within 48 hours to seek GAC approval so the draft could be forwarded to Mike for inclusion in the City's Tree By-Law review.
 - **Secretarial Note:** The revised GAC Tree By-Law recommendations were circulated by Peter H on Thurs 14 April and all attending members agreed (with one minor change) with the revision and recommended it be forwarded to Mike for his action.
- **Staff Report to Council:** Mike indicated that the Staff Report to Council had not been made on 21 Mar 2016 as forecast; no new date had been set. He indicated he would circulate a copy of the presentation to GAC members.
- **Updates on 2016 Projects.** The Committee reviewed proposed 2016 projects. Results of the various discussions are shown below and on the attached GAC - 2016 Project List (updated to 14 April 2016). Only those projects with recent activity are shown below.

Project # 1 - Update on 327 Glendale: Although no physical work has been done, there were several activities to report:

- **Water:** Christine advised the cost for a water service may be lower than originally quoted. **Action:** Christine
- **Additional watering / irrigation:** Mike offered to get quotes for lines and spray heads. **Action:** Mike
- **Tree planting:** Mike advised trees would be planted next week (18-22 Apr). He requested that Peter T and James accompany him to mark locations. **Action:** Mike, Peter T and James
- **Additional plantings:** James' proposal for additional plantings was agreed. Mike, James and Peter T will look into getting quotes for this work. **Action:** Mike, James and Peter T

Project # 2 - Windows on the Pond: This project will require liaison with the NPCA and the Port Dalhousie Beautification & Works Committee

Project # 3 - James/Lake/Welland: Peter T will prepare a draft design and will seek partners for the project. The possibility of self-watering pots or planters was also discussed. **Action:** Peter T

Project # 6 - 48 Ontario Street Parking Lot perimeter planting: Peter T is working with the BIA. **Action:** Peter T

Project # 7 - Eastchester at Bunting: John has reviewed the site which is quite restrictive; however he believes we can add to the existing 'alien' trees. Peter T mentioned the Sustainability Committee believes the project has merit.

Project # 8 - Increased natural spaces with reduced mowing: In addition to the work at Eastchester/Bunting, Mike and John discussed a potential site where part of a passive park could have grass replaced with native shrubs, grasses and perennials. **Action:** John and Mike

Project # 12 - Movable Sign for GAC Projects in Progress: Mary Jane briefed on the extensive work she has done. The Committee suggested a couple additional sources - Mary Jane will investigate and advise the GAC. **Action:** Mary Jane

Project # 13 - Community Gardens: As follow-on from the Links for Greener Learning, the GAC approved up to \$5,000.00 on a cost-sharing basis for a new Community Garden on Thorncliff Drive. Peter T and Peter H will contact Greener Learning to request a budget. It was acknowledged the garden would not be ready until the 2017 planting season and it would not obligate the GAC to further support unless reviewed and approved again.

Project # 15 - Assistance to BIAs with Flower Pots: Peter T will contact Councillors to advise them the same sharing opportunity as offered to Port Dalhousie. Dick will contact the Port Dalhousie committee to advise them that we need their information and plans. **Action:** Peter T and Dick

Project # 18 - Walker's Creek Park Entrance: Peter T and Dick met with a member of the Walker's Creek Association. Peter T will prepare a draft design. **Action:** Peter T

Project # 20 - Green Roofing (new project suggested by Lana): The GAC considered this to be an excellent project which would offer the opportunity to lead by example and would also be a project with an educational aspect. Lana and Mike will review suitable locations and recommend what action the GAC can take to realize the project.

7. **Business:** Other than the business arising from the minutes, there was no new business
8. **Date of next meeting**
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
9. **Motion to Adjourn**

John at 7:15 pm

Attachment: Green Advisory Committee – 2016 Project List (updated to 14 April 2016)