



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

Tuesday, September 13, 2011  
3:30 to 4:30pm

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

**Meeting Notes**

**Present:** Councillor Greg Washuta

Staff: Donna Gibbs

Ben Hannan, Ben Wilby, Marilyn Hyatt, Selby Harris, Daniel Frye,  
Edmund Bruckner, Holly Washuta, Tisha Polocko

**Regrets:** Mayor Brian McMullan

Staff: Rick Lane, Jim Benson, Stuart Green

Kris Akilie, Dan Trainor, Michelle Price, Stacey Sheehan, Barbara  
Knight-Woodward, Jesse Hicks

**Welcome** from Councillor Greg Washuta

**Review** of meeting notes from June 7, 2011

- All in favour
- Carried
- Note that Barbara Knight Woodward has moved out of town and will not continue membership on the committee

**1. John Howard Society meeting ~ Ben Hannan**

- Ben met with Jay Gemmel and reviewed the history of Graffiti Com along with existing partnership with Mainstream Services
- Mr. Gemmel expressed interest in contacting Bell Canada and Cogeco directly regarding graffiti removal
- Mr. Gemmel has John Howard clients working with the DTA through Tisha on gum removal and graffiti removal

**2. VIA Rail mural ~ Tisha Polocko**

- See appendix 1, photos of mural
- Following the agreement of all stakeholders to transfer the SCCIP grant that Shawn Reimer received for the Merritton mural to the WeCan project, the Graffiti Committee has agreed to fund the outstanding \$500.00 to WeCan for graffiti maintenance upon completion of the Via Rail mural
- Mike Lethby from RAFT will inform the Mayor's Office upon completion of the mural and also notify of the date of the unveiling

**3. Letter from Public Art Advisory Committee ~ Tisha Polocko**

- Request for graffiti representation to jointly form a sub committee to study and form a city wide mural program and associated policies

- This sub committee would be a sub committee of both Public Art Advisory Committee and the Graffiti Committee and would include staff
- Tisha Polocko, Selby Harris, Kris Akilie and Donna Gibbs from Legal volunteer
- Mayor's Office will request staff rep from RCS
- Tisha Polocko will do response letter to Public Art Advisory Committee

#### **4. NRP stats ~ Jesse Hicks via email**

July 11, 2011 – spray paint to wall with tags "52" and "AM"

July 22, 2011 – spray paint to fence

Aug 3, 2011 – spray paint to school, two tags and obscene words

Aug 9, 2011 – spray paint of tag "Ants"

Aug 17, 2011 – spray paint to numerous vehicles in north end parking garage

- Unfortunately no arrests were made in relation to any of these incidents

#### **5. Plantings along QEW sound barriers ~ Ben Hannan**

- MTO has granted permission for plantings along residential side of barriers with the provision that they be contacted as to proposed locations and species to be planted (*Linda Fisher at MTO 416 235 5488*)
- Ben will contact Green Committee and other community groups to gauge interest, research best species for year round colour and hardiness, and source out growing opportunities (possibly Malcolmson Park greenhouse)

#### **6. Communication ~ Tisha Polocko**

- Concerns expressed that the Graffiti Hotline is not easily accessed on the City's website
- Mayor's Office will forward the request to Communications department to have Hotline listed under Quicklinks
- Mayor's Office will forward a request to Communications department to have Graffiti Hotline listed in each issue of the Current from May to October

#### **7. Shoreline Clean up ~ Tisha Polocko for Clean City Committee**

- Invitation to join the community wide cleanup on Saturday Sept 17
- Start is 10am, 8:30 at Malcolmson Park

#### **8. Ottawa "Clean up the Capital" ~ Holly Washuta**

- Request for more resources on graffiti to be included in community wide clean ups
- Tisha will print up more graffiti pamphlets (includes Graffiti hotline info and record sheet) for handouts at the Shoreline Clean up

**9. Signage nailed to hydro poles ~ Ben Wilby**

- Donna Gibbs reports that city has no jurisdiction over signage posted on hydro poles (or any non city property)
- Permits for bill postering on city poles will be coming to an end when the bulletin notice boards in city facilities are erected as a venue for these ads
- Currently, the city can prosecute if a bill poster without a sticker is reported to by law in TES (the business advertising will be charged and by virtue of this action, by law serves as a deterrent)

**10. Royal Astronomical Society, Sat Sept 17 ~ Ben Hannan**

- Telescope set up in Cindy Drive Park at 7:30pm for those interested in viewing the night sky

**11. Niagara College/Brock U host East African Famine fundraiser ~ Daniel Frye**

- View websites to see fundraising events or to make donation online

**Next meeting:** Tuesday November 1  
3:30 to 4:30  
Committee Room 1

**Adjourned: 4:15**