

Social Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, April 05, 2016

Ante Room at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair
Councillor Sandie Bellows
Diane Foster (Co-chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee)
Robert Hillier (Chair, Active Transportation Committee)
Dave Gerow (Chair, Recreation Facilities and Programming Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee – (Rec MP Committee)
Dan Dillon (Director, Transportation and Environmental Services)

Guests:

Phil Cristi, Manager of Programs & Cultural Services, PRCS

Regrets:

Councillor Sal Sorrento
Bernice Detorre (Co-chair, Town and Gown Advisory Committee)
David Oakes (Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services)
Kristen Sullivan, Staff liaison, Rec MP Committee

Staff Liaisons:

Diana Lecinski– Accessibility Advisory
Peter Leyser– Active Transportation
Todd Rogers– Town and Gown
Leanne Kurek – Recording Secretary, SSC

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- 1. The Chair, Councillor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**
 - 2. Motion to approve the agenda**

That the Social Sustainability Committee adopt the agenda as presented

Moved by: Diane Foster
Carried

3. Motion to approve the SSC minutes, Jan 19

That the minutes of the Jan 19th SSC meeting be approved as presented

Moved by: Dave Gerow

Carried

4. Motion to approve presentations

n/a

5. Business arising from the SSC minutes

n/a

6. Business

6.1 Rec Advisory MP Committee update ~ Dave Gerow

- Outdoor Aquatics Plan approved at Council – road map for committee.
 - Splash pad in the West End (location tbd)
 - Splash pad and washrooms at West Park (Canada 150 grant)
 - Burgoyne Woods and Lancaster to become green spaces
- Committee will be touring the Haig Bowl to look for opportunities for the future and current rentals.
- Four of our six wards will have splash pads.
- City Staff – to take inventory city spaces (below) – to determine what needs work and plan to maintain over a period of time.
 - Playgrounds
 - Tennis courts
 - Basketball courts

i) Committee Recruitment

The Rec Advisory MP Committee had a committee member resign and has one vacancy

That the Social Sustainability Committee recommends that the Terms of Reference (TOR) be updated to include eight citizen members and the SSC recommends that two citizens be appointed to the committee

Moved by Councillor Bellows

Carried

Citizen appointees:

Sandy Derstine

Kim Bauer

Recommendation to go to council for approval.

Motion to approve the presentation

That the Rec Advisory MP Committee updates be approved, as presented

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried

6.2 Accessibility Advisory update ~ Diane Foster

- 2015 Annual Report on the 2013-2016 Accessibility Plan
- 2016-2020 Accessibility Plan – To strive for a fully barrier-free city and set action plan for future years. Committee will provide an annual status report to council.
- 2016 Sidewalk Action Statement – Renewed - This document addresses missing links of sidewalks that suddenly drop off as you walk and navigate throughout the city. It also addresses sidewalks that are parts of new or reconstructed subdivisions. It is to act as a guiding principal for city staff to provide to builders, developers and residents seeking removal of sidewalks in neighbourhoods.
- Committee to present their Annual Report, Accessibility Plan and Renewed Sidewalk Action Statement to council on April 18.

Motion to approve the presentation

That the AAC updates be approved, as presented

Moved by: Phil Cristi

Carried

6.3 Town and Gown update ~ Todd Rodgers

- Brock University Student Union held their elections and a new External VP was elected. Todd will reach out to invite to attend meetings as a Co-Chair.
- Committee had a landlord representative attend their meeting. Great resource for committee.
 - Committee would like to expand membership and update TOR to add: landlord representative, NRP representative and Fire Prevention as formal members of the committee.
 - Challenge for committee on who to select as a landlord representative.
- Co-Chairs of committee will prepare a report to expand the TOR.
- Committee will be connecting with other Town and Gowns in the Niagara Region.
 - Discuss synergies and like issues.
- City of Thorold
 - Introduced a licensing program for student rentals.

- To consider with program – all rentals or stipulate student
- BUSU update:
 - Working on report to summarize findings from transportation survey.
 - Created a new off-campus living website (launched in February) includes – safety (fire prevention), garbage, and preparation for St. Patrick's Day etc.

Motion to approve the presentation

That the Town and Gown updates be approved, as presented

Moved by: Councillor Bellows

Carried

6.4 Active Transportation Advisory update ~ Robert Hillier

- Committee is planning for their Active Transportation Forum to take place on Tuesday, May 10th at 3 p.m.
 - Location TBD
 - Mayor is confirmed to bring greetings
 - Paul Young – keynote speaker
- Will report the directives from forum at next pillar meeting.
- Wayfinding signs are a priority for the committee. As well as removing barriers from trails.

Motion to approve the presentation

That the ATC updates be approved, as presented

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried

- 7. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, June 7, 2016.
5pm to 6pm
Ante Room

8. Motion to adjourn

That the Social Sustainability Committee be adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Bellows

Carried