

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, July 06, 2016

Ante Room at 5pm

Attendance:

Councillor Jennie Stevens (Vice Chair), Elaine Manocha (Chair, Clean City Committee), Peter Thompstone (Chair, Green Committee)

Staff: Dave Wood, Fire Chief

Regrets:

Councillor Dave Haywood, Councillor Matt Harris

Staff: Jeffery Silcox-Childs

Staff Liaisons:

Mike Anderson (Green Committee)

Pat Conway (Clean City Committee)

Julie Hughes, Pillar Committee, Recorder

Guests:

Glen Sparks, Rotary Ribfest

Jan Gadsby, Eco-Defenders

1. **Call meeting to order:** Vice Chair, Councillor Stevens
5pm

2. **Motion to approve the agenda**

That the ESC approve the agenda, as presented

Moved: P. Thompstone

Carried

4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

That the ESC minutes, April 6, 2016, be approved

Moved: E. Manocha

Carried

5. Presentations: Glen Sparks and Jan Gadsby

- Rotarians are committed to reducing the amount of garbage that goes to the landfill at this year's Ribfest by one third
- Eco Defenders are a group of volunteers who work at community events, diverting compostables and recyclables from the garbage
- Rotarians and Eco-Defenders are partnering this year to achieve this goal
- Need volunteers to work any hours throughout Ribfest
- Ribfest hours, Friday, July 29 thru to Sunday July 31, 12pm to 11pm
Monday, August 1, 12pm to 6pm
- Chairs to circulate through Green and Clean Committees
- Mayor's Office to post Mayor's social media
- Contact Jane Gadsby strawberryfestival@bell.net or call 905 328 0736 to volunteer

Motion

That the presentation be approved

Moved: P. Thompson

Carried

6. Business arising from the minutes, Apr 6

n/a

7. Business

7.1 Clean City Update ~ E Manocha

- i) Successful clean up day in April
 - 125 bags of garbage collected
 - Clean up of QEW on/off ramps at Lake, Ontario and Martindale Road
- ii) Fall clean up will include partnership with Brock University (200 students)
- iii) Graffiti promo campaign in full swing with posters distributed throughout City
- iv) Graffiti Committee is challenged by low budget

Motion

That the Clean City Committee updates be approved, as presented

Moved: D Wood

Carried

7.2 Green Committee update ~ P Thompson

- i) 327 Merritt Street, Bill Wiley Parkette
 - Plaque to be investigated for Park
 - Sponsorships to be pursued for trees and benches
- ii) 5 Island beds along Mountain Road
 - Partnership with St Catharines Horticulture Society
- iii) Lake, James and Welland intersection
 - Partnership with DTA on gateway to Downtown
- iv) Eastchester and Bunting
 - Naturalized planting
- v) Community Gardens
 - Partnership with Links for Greener Learning @ Lincoln Centennial PS
 - Centennial Park to include orchard
 - Partnership with Friends of Walker Creek, Lakeshore Road at Walker's Creek landscaping and garden
 - Partnership with St. Catharines Horticulture Society to install irrigation at BME garden
 - Green roof at City Hall being investigated

Green Committee to solicit Council once more for projects in their wards
Currently 23 projects on the docket

Motion

That the Green Committee updates be approved, as presented

Moved: E. Manocha

Carried

7.3 Tree by law ~ P Thompson

- Recommendations submitted to staff by task force regarding trees on private property will not be included in the Urban Forestry Master Plan, to be submitted to council
- No rationale received by task force from staff
- Request for J Silcox-Childs to provide written response on rationale
- Deferred to October 6 agenda

8. Other business

- i) Queenston St garden (across from old Delta Bingo) ~ J Stevens
 - M Anderson to refer to P Cristi to request maintenance
- ii) Canada 150 celebrations ~ P Thompson
 - Request J Silcox-Childs to explore some environmental projects

9. Directions/Follow ups

i) Mayor Sendzik to follow up at Public Works with a request to remove graffiti from base of new Burgoyne Bridge and to inquire on whether anti-graffiti coating will be applied

ii) Mayor's Office to request Regional by law staff to investigate hospital grounds to ensure that there is no smoking in restricted areas

ii) Councillor Stevens to investigate Clean City Committee's request for an increase in their 2016 budget at Budget Committee

9. Date of next meeting

Wed Oct 5, 2016

Atrium Room

5pm to 6pm

10. Motion to adjourn

That the ESC be adjourned at 6:30pm

Moved: P Thompstone

Carried