

## Minutes

**Wednesday, June 08, 2016**

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

**Attendance:**

Mary Jane Clark, Stephen Holmes, Peter Howes, James McWilliam, Lana Phan, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompsonstone

**Staff Liaison:**

Christine Adams, Mike Anderson, Meagan Gloor

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1. **Call Meeting to Order (Peter Thompsonstone)**  
5:05 pm
2. **Presentations**  
Nil
3. **Motion to Adopt minutes from the previous meeting**  
Peter Howes
  - **Discussion arising from the minutes:** Many GAC members commented on the way the item: “Staff Report to Council on a Tree By-Law” was reported in the minutes. The concern was that the GAC recommendations, for the most part, were not only rejected but also done so without any rationale for the rejection. Since the GAC had spent countless hours preparing these recommendations they considered they should have some explanation for the negative response. After discussion, the GAC agreed that Peter Thompsonstone, in his role as Chair, should approach Councillor Dave Haywood and request this very important issue be included in the next meeting (July 6<sup>th</sup>) of the Environmental Sustainability Committee. **Action:** Peter Thompsonstone
4. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**  
Nil
5. **Motion to Approve the Agenda**  
Mary Jane Clark

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

- **Update on the budget:** Christine Adams circulated a spreadsheet which documented the GAC 2016-17 budget. She outlined each project under the headings:
  - **Project Commitments;**
  - **GAC or Encumbrance;** and
  - **Updated Estimate of Final Cost**

The bottom line of the review is that there is an uncommitted balance of \$7,134.00

**Updates on 2016-17 GAC Projects**

**Project # 1 - 327 Glendale Parkette.** There were several items/updates on this project:

- Council had approved the name “Merritton Bill Wiley Memorial Parkette” for this new Parkette.
- Mike Anderson reported that the “Bar” has been moved to its final position and the problem trees have been replaced.
- Mike Anderson reported that he had received 3 quotes for the side beds and trees.

**Motion:** John Stevens moved that the GAC approve the quote for \$9,802.00 be accepted and that the contractor be requested to implement this item. **Carried**

- Mike Anderson also reported the quote for irrigation had been received at \$2,350.00. The water lines are in place, and the irrigation system will be placed in the next few weeks.
- The GAC requested Mike Anderson to liaise with Kristen Sullivan regarding the pathways
- Discussion on the “Interpretative Sign” resulted in James McWilliam offering to liaise with the Heritage Committee and with Stuart Green.
- The GAC decided to offer ‘Funding Opportunities’ as follows:
  - Commemorative Trees - \$600.00 and
  - Commemorative Benches \$2,500.00

**Project # 3 - James/Lake/Welland:** Peter Thompstone indicated he is working with the Downtown Association towards creating a plan. **Action:** Peter Thompstone

**Project # 4 - St Paul at Carlisle:** Project cancelled; building being renovated with landscape to be provided by owner.

**Project # 5 - Pedestrian Bridge to Meridian Centre:** Discussed with Downtown Association, plan for next year.

**Project # 6 - Ontario Street Parking Lot perimeter planting:** Peter Thompstone discussed with the parking lot manager; project may not go.

**Project # 7 - Eastchester at Bunting:** James McWilliam and Peter Thompsonstone visited the site and recommended that we install a cluster of Serviceberry and another of 10 x Burr Oak trees (some of the Burr Oak may be donated by Niagara College). Peter Thompsonstone will investigate with Gauld Nursery for a quote. The GAC authorized up to \$5,000.00 for this multi-year project. **Action:** James McWilliam, John Stevens and Peter Thompsonstone.

**Project # 10 - 'Links to Greener School Yards':** Lincoln Centennial garden was planted, some GAC members attended the 'Official Opening'.

**Project # 12 - Movable Sign for GAC Projects in Progress:** Peter Howes offered to assist Mary Jane Clark to contact "Harris Signs". **Action:** Mary Jane Clark and Peter Howes

**Project # 13 - Community Gardens:** Eastmount Park on Thorncliff Drive garden proposal for a GAC / Links for Greener Learning shared project budget reviewed and accepted. GAC confirmed the \$5,000.00 previously earmarked for this project.

**Project # 15 - Assistance to BIAs with Flower Pot Program:** 64 of 70 Flower Pots have been sold and are in place. Port D have received all 50 of their pots (only some are from this program).

**Project # 18 - Walker's Creek: Cindy Road Park Entrance:** GAC and Parks members visited site. Possible new proposal which may require Region approval. The committee tentatively agreed to allocate another \$1500 to this project. **Action:** Peter Thompsonstone, Dick Thomas and Mike Anderson

**Project # 20 - Green Roofing:** GAC reviewed possible use of City Hall roof for this project. Christine Adams to investigate structural feasibility. GAC earmarked \$5,000 for the project. **Action:** Christine Adams, Lana Phan, Mike Anderson and Mary Jane Clark.

**Project # 21 - Port Dalhousie Beautification:** Assistance requested by PD Beautification and Works Committee. Peter Thompsonstone provided a plan, PD Committee to liaise with Developer who offered to assist with the project.

**Project # 22 - BME Church Revitalization (new project):** The St Catharines Horticultural Society has requested GAC assistance to add irrigation to existing beds (which were installed by a previous Green Committee project). The GAC agreed to a \$1,000.00 contribution. Mike Anderson and Peter Thompsonstone will get quotes. **Action:** Mike Anderson and Peter Thompsonstone

**Project # 23 - Arboretum (reactivation of a previous Green Committee Project):** The GAC decided to reactivate a project to add to the 360 Niagara Street (former Niagara College) Arboretum. The GAC agreed to provide \$500.00 to seek and plant some rare native tree species. Peter Thompsonstone suggested that removal of the Niagara Street chain link fence and a new entrance might make the site more inviting to the public. Peter Thompsonstone and Mike Anderson will investigate the feasibility of this. **Action:** Mike Anderson and Peter Thompsonstone

7. **Correspondence:** A request had been received to add trees at the Hannelore Headley Chess Parkette. Mike Anderson indicated that he had visited the site and is not sure that (large) replacement trees would improve the Parkette. The GAC will review the possibility of other compact or clumped trees or shrubs.
8. **Date of Next Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 13, 2016
9. **Motion to Adjourn**  
Peter Howes at 7:20 pm