

DRAFT Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Ante Room at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair
Councillor Sal Sorrento
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)
Phil Cristi (Manager of Programs and Cultural Services)

Regrets:

Councillor Sandie Bellows
Bernice Detorre (Co-chair, Town and Gown Advisory Committee)
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

1. **The Chair, Councillor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:03 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, June 7, 2016**

That the minutes of the June 7th 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

i) Committee update ~ Dave Gerow

- Work Plan
 - The recommendations and priorities from the Recreation Master Plan
 - Next meeting looking for staff direction on the priorities
- Outdoor Aquatics Task Force
 - Councillors appointed to Task Force
 - Still need a call for applications (2 position to be filled with residents from St. Catharines).
 - Task Force to meet in January of 2017
- Note from Chair re: hockey tournament that took place Oct 14-16, received accolades from all attending on the outstanding facilities and work by city staff.

ACTION:

Phil Cristi to send an email to city staff involved (Seymour Hannah, Jack & Rex and Bill Burgoyne Arena) for all their hard work.

ii) Committee Recruitment – Phil Cristi

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

That the Social Sustainability Committee recommends that Bill Fenwick be appointed to the Recreation Master Plan Implementation committee

Moved by: Dave Gerow

Carried

Recommendation to go to council for approval.

iii) New Business – Phil Cristi and Dan Dillon

- Bill Burgoyne Arena was closed the morning of October 20th.
- There is a leak in the brine system header and it cannot maintain ice.
- City staff are currently meeting and working with the ice users to relocate and accommodate their ice time.
- Meridian Centre, Merritton Arena and Ridley have all been approached for ice time. Meridian Centre was able to accommodate most groups.
- City has received approval for a temporary fix to get through the 2016-17 season. Spot repair for the header.
- Estimated time for BBA to be out of commission is one week.
- Item to be included in the 2017 Capital Works for budget.

6.2 Accessibility Advisory update ~ Diane Foster

- Request for Pillar to endorse AAC's reminder to the Downtown Business community re: sandwich-board ads on the sidewalks (attached).

ACTION:

Pillar endorsed the reminder and requested that Diana Lecinski connect with Tisha Polocko from the Downtown Association re: include in the DTA newsletter as a reminder.

- The Chair also requested that the AAC committee have a monthly updated in the Downtown newsletter.
- Communication Disabilities Access Canada (CDAC) certification has been completed by most City front line staff and Citizen's First.
- Mentions and Motions from AAC meetings:
 - Downtown traffic signals at St. Paul and Carlisle must be retained. AAC made a motion to endorse.
 - Reviewed and endorsed plans for West Park renovations.
 - Reviewed and endorsed plans for Lakeside Park washroom building renovations.
 - Endorsed St. Catharines Transit's funding applications to retrofit rear-facing seats on 4 buses (2013).
 - Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) of council meetings discontinued by Cogeco. City Clerk is requesting budget to cover via web live-streaming coverage. Endorsed by committee.
- Paratransit - limited Sunday service and evenings.
 - Transit requires an increase to their budget and not removal of existing service budget to cover.
 - St. Catharines transit to present suggestions and costing December 2016 to council.
- Vacancy on AAC, call for applications to be sent out by Clerks. Next meeting review applications and recommendation from AAC.

- Rick Hansen Access4ALL Grant - \$30k (\$20k for the project and \$10k for communication - media and promotion)
 - Staff to apply for funding through the grant – sun shelter at Mobi Mats at Lakeside Park or adult change tables in Universal Washrooms at Lakeside Park.

6.3 Town and Gown update ~ Todd Rogers

- Committee has a new co-chair – Julia Wood (new VP of External Affairs for BUSU).
- Off Campus Living and Neighbourhood Relations held their annual Welcome Wagon in September.
 - Target – off campus students and area residents.
 - Package includes: city by-law information, waste collection, fire prevention, good neighbour guide etc.
 - Premise – to help off campus students integrate into the neighbourhood.
- City of Thorold Student Housing – Recommendations from Dillon Consulting:
 - City to monitor supply and demand of student housing (intensification).
 - Update the zoning by-law i.e. limit the number of habitable rooms, require a minimum of 30% of the front yard be landscaped open space etc.
 - Implementation of a licensing program for rental housing to allow for inspections
 - Prepare urban design guidelines for different types of housing to strengthen the city's development approvals process
- Town and Gown Committee – Thorold
 - St. Catharines Town and Gown to integrate with Thorold.
 - Todd and the 2 Co-Chairs to attend a meeting.
 - Thorold has created a student housing sub-committee.
- Brock Cares
 - 8th Annual Brock Cares Day of Service was a success with more than 200 student volunteers and 40 community partners participated to give back to the Niagara community.
- Graffiti – the amount of complaints and reports in 2016 has declined from 2015
 - Improvements such as 'murals' have contributed to help deter graffiti.

6.4 Active Transportation Advisory update ~ Robert Hillier

- Request to make a presentation to the Pillar Committee at our January meeting.
 - Presentation to be based on the two public consultations.
 - Committee will make a report to council based on the consultations.
 - Committee is taking the feedback from the two public consultations and make a working document.
- Transportation Master Plan
 - RFP to close on October 26, 2016.
 - Committee's recommendations to be sent to the consultant to include in the Plan.
- Share the Road Cycling Coalition:
 - Committee applied and received a "Bronze" level as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the Share the Road Cycling Coalition.
 - Recommendations to reach Silver – more synergy between parks and roads.
 - Need to work with PRCS
- Committee worked with Niagara Region staff concerning St. Paul Street West.
 - Regional council adopted that parking be restricted at all times on both sides of Region Road 81 (St. Paul St West) from Regional Road 72 (Louth St) to 230 metres west of First Street, in order to accommodate designated on-road bike lanes.
- Issues with active transportation in our city that the committee has identified:
 - Fourth Avenue overpass at Martindale Road. Improvements need to be made for cyclists. Need to work with MTO.
 - St. David's Road at Brock U – MTO, Niagara Region, City of Thorold and St. Catharines - working together towards 2017 & 2018 construction to create a multi-use pathway. Receiving cooperation from the MTO to create a safe crossing.
 - Bike Lanes – make a priority for street sweeping in Spring and Fall.
 - OPG lands – more linkages for safe active transportation.
- Goal for committee is to create an active transportation culture in our city.
- Committee recommended that the traffic signal at St. Paul and Carlisle remain active.

Motion to approve the presentations

That the Rec MP Committee, Accessibility Advisory, Town and Gown and Active Transportation Committee updates be approved, as presented

Moved by: Dave Gerow

Carried

7. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017.
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Burgoyne Woods Room

8. **Motion to adjourn**

That the Social Sustainability Committee be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried

Attachments:

- AAC 2016 Sidewalk boards, plaques and advertisements