

Minutes

Wednesday, November 09, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room – City Hall at 5:00 pm

Attendance:

Peter Howes, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompstone, Stephen Holmes, Mary Jane Clark, James McWilliam

Staff Liaison:

Christine Adams, Mike Anderson, Meagan Gloor

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompstone) 5:01 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - The items “Burgoyne Bridge,” and “Trillium Awards” were added to #8: Business.
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Mary Jane Clark.
4. **Presentations (invited guests):** Nil
5. **Motion to accept the presentation:** N/A
6. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** John Stevens.
7. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - **Updates on 2016 Projects and Budgets:**

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

- James McWilliam contacted Kristen Sullivan (Project and Development Planner) at the Parks, Recreation and Culture Services (PRCS) department regarding the proposed trail through the parkette. Kristen Sullivan informed him that it might be several years until it would be done through the City, but the GAC can move ahead with the trail on their own. The GAC would like the trail to be put in next year, which will run between the two rows of trees.
- Mike Anderson will obtain the specifications required for trails and pass the information along to James McWilliam, who will design the trail.
- James McWilliam discussed developing a sitting area about halfway down the parkette, on the East side of the trail. He also discussed creating a focal point on

the North end of the parkette, with more armour stone. James McWilliam will develop a plan for this, including the trail.

- Once a design is in place, James McWilliam will calculate a cost estimate of the trail. James McWilliam will discuss the trail with Walker Industries as they may be able to install the trail as part of their donation.
- Mike Anderson informed the GAC that the two donated garbage receptacles have been placed in the parkette, near the sidewalk on Glendale Avenue.
- Mike Anderson conducted more research on the potential Lock 14 project. The Planning department supported the project but currently does not have the funds to take it on themselves.
- Peter Thompsonstone recommended asking the City to fix the curbs along Mountain Road.
- Rebecca Cann (Cultural Services Supervisor) is organizing a meeting with Councillor David Haywood, Walker Industries, the Canadian Canal Society, Peter Thompsonstone, and James McWilliam to discuss the interpretive sign.
- **Action:** James McWilliam, Peter Thompsonstone and Mike Anderson.

Project # 3 - James/Lake/Welland: Peter Thompsonstone has been unable to receive a response regarding obtaining the archway for this project. The design will move forward without it. Stuart Green (Landscape Architect/Planner) from the PRCS department will be assisting with developing a plan for the site. The committee will start seeking external funds for this project. Mike Anderson, Stuart Green, and Peter Thompsonstone will meet to start developing the plans. **Action:** Peter Thompsonstone and Mike Anderson.

Project # 7 - Eastchester at Bunting: The GAC decided to push the tree planting back to the spring. Over the winter, the committee will obtain more information on the process of deep ripping. Peter Howes will contact the Engineering department regarding the space, and where the trees will be planted. The GAC was provided with locates for the area, showing a gas line near the sidewalk on Bunting Street. This area will need to be avoided when planting trees. Going forward the GAC will come up with a plan, obtain quotes for deep ripping, decide on the type of trees to be planted, and where the trees will be planted on site. Mike Anderson proposed having a member of the GAC on site during the deep ripping process in the spring, to document the process which can then be used as an educational tool. James McWilliam will lead this project and create the plans, with the help of Peter Howes and John Stevens. Mary Jane Clark offered to provide contact information for a company that can provide more information on deep ripping. **Action:** Peter Howes, John Stevens, James McWilliam, and Mary Jane Clark.

Project # 12 - Movable Sign for GAC Projects in Progress: Peter Howes suggested that the sign he obtained should be put up in the spring.

Project # 20 - Green Roofing: Mary Jane Clark is continuing to work on the project, and will provide updates as she progresses. **Action:** Mary Jane Clark.

Project # 23 - Arboretum: 360 Niagara Street: John Stevens provided the GAC with a report regarding the updates on this project. John Stevens and Peter Howes visited the site and mapped out the location of each tree. They brought this to a sub-committee meeting, where they looked at what the site had been used for in the past. Niagara College had planted many trees at the site, and at that time they had no formal plan for the

arrangement of the trees. The sub-committee will be meeting again in November to prepare a plan for the site, including a potential new entranceway. The GAC agreed that a "Friends of" group would be very beneficial to help with clean-up and maintenance of litter in the park. Stephen Holmes suggested making this into an educational tool and having students from Laura Secord Secondary School take part in maintaining the park. **Action:** John Stevens.

Project # 26 - Water Rates: Peter Thompstone is waiting to hear back from Councillor Haywood with the results from Council.

Project # 27 - Tree Replacement at Sir Casimir Gzowski Park: Mike Anderson informed the committee that four ornamental pear trees were planted on Thursday, November 3rd. The City was unable to plant the Fringe trees because they are EAB susceptible.

Project # 28 - Canada's 150th Task Force: The GAC finalized that they would like to go ahead with the red and white themed flower pots for 2017, and with planting 150 trees around the City. Stephen Holmes proposed planting trees along trails, where residents walking will be able to benefit from them. The GAC will decide on locations for 25 trees in each ward (preferably in clusters) and look for additional sponsors to help fund the project. The GAC also decided to purchase more flower pots for 2017 as part of the Flower Pot Program. **Motion:** Dick Thomas moved that 70 additional pots be purchased (at an estimated cost of \$3500), bringing the total number of flower pots in the program up to 150. If the extra pots are not rented, the GAC will pay for the plant material and have them placed around the City. **Carried.** Mike Anderson will order the additional flower pots. Dick Thomas will talk about the GAC's projects with the City's "Canada 150 Committee" and see if they are willing to partner on any of the projects. **Action:** Dick Thomas and Mike Anderson.

Project # 29 - Glenridge Medians: Mike Anderson will approach the Niagara Region, requesting permission to do work on the medians, and ask about the water source. If the committee is given permission, Peter Thompstone proposed paving the area and placing two planters on the median (similar to what was done on Fourth Avenue). **Action:** Mike Anderson.

Project # 30 - New Member Posting: The successful applicant for the position is Robin McDonald. The recommendation will go to City Council at the next meeting (November 21st), after which Robin will be able to officially join the committee. Mike Anderson will contact Robin to notify him of when his position will start. **Action:** Mike Anderson.

Project # 31 - Horticulture Management Plan (HMP): Mary Jane Clark has drafted a letter with comments from the committee, regarding changes to the HMP. Mary Jane Clark will finalize the letter with the committee before sending the letter to Jeff Silcox-Childs as a formal recommendation from the committee. **Action:** Mary Jane Clark.

8. **Business:**

- **Burgoyne Bridge:** Christine Adams provided the GAC with an overview of the plans for the landscaping to be done around the Burgoyne Bridge once construction is complete. The beds will be irrigated. The committee reviewed the drawings for the beds on both ends of the bridge, and the species that will be planted there.
- **Trillium Awards:** The GAC recommended that the Trillium Awards be reinstated for 2017. Mike Anderson notified that the committee that the program may be changing next year. The GAC would like to have the opportunity to comment on potential changes being made to the program. The committee would like to continue to be a part of the program moving forwards, as a partner or sponsor for the event.

9. **Correspondence:** Nil.

10. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** Mary Jane Clark at 6:36 pm.