

DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Burgoyne Woods 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 (Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services)

Regrets:

Councillor Sandie Bellows
Bernice Detorre (Chair, Town and Gown Advisory Committee)
Kristen Sullivan, Staff liaison, Rec MP Committee
Diana Lecinski, Staff liaison, Accessibility Advisory Committee

Staff Liaisons:

Peter Leyser – Active Transportation
Waldy Heyder - Town and Gown
Leanne Kurek – Recording Secretary, SSC

1. The Chair, Councillor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:08 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, Oct 18, 2016

That the minutes of the October 18th 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

- Committee:
 - Bill Fenwick – joined committee to fill the vacancy.
- Niagara Rapids Volleyball Courts at Sunset Beach
 - Coincides with the Master Rec Plan
 - Endorsed by committee
 - Proposal includes – 12 courts with the Ontario Volleyball Association having 4 tournaments a year.
 - Equipment and posts etc. associated costs will be through the Niagara Rapids
 - Associated costs to city – potential operational cost of one extra day of beach grooming.
 - Area residents do have some concerns about parking & traffic during the tournaments.
 - Public meeting scheduled for February 8 at Port Weller Community Centre.
- Outdoor Aquatics Task Force – first meeting scheduled for February 7, 2017.
- The Committee are currently working through their priorities driven from the Rec MP.

ACTION:

Rec MP Committee and Active Transportation committee to connect and share information and priorities.

- Active Transportation to be invited to a Rec MP committee meeting and Robert will make a presentation

Phil Cristi invited Robert and members of the Active Transportation Committee to speak to the older adults at the various centres.

Phil Cristi to supply Robert Hillier with hard copies of the Recreation Master Plan

Motion to approve the presentation

That the Rec MP Committee update be approved, as presented

Moved by: Robert Hillier

Carried

6.2 Accessibility Advisory update ~ Diane Foster

- The City was given permission to use the updated Brock University Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) as our FADS document due to ours being obsolete.
 - FADS is a standard document used by most municipalities across Ontario.
- Canada 150/Rick Hansen Access4ALL Grant –
 - Committee is in the process of completing the application.
 - The grant will be used for sun shelter at Mobi Mats at Lakeside Park.
- Transit (budget)
 - Transit has allocated money in their budget for an additional vehicle for Sunday Paratransit service.
- Closed Captioning
 - A line has been added in the budget to add closed captioning for council meetings.

ii) Committee Recruitment

The Accessibility Advisory Committee had two committee members resign and has two vacancies.

That the Social Sustainability Committee recommends that Bob Mahoney and Melissa Abrams be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory committee

Moved by: Diane Foster

Carried

Recommendation to go to council for approval

Motion to approve the presentation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee update be approved, as presented

Moved by: Phil Cristi

Carried

6.3 Town and Gown update ~ Waldy Heyder

- Committee has not met since September 2016.
- A meeting is scheduled for February 2017.
 - Quorum has been an issue which is why the committee has not met since September of 2016.

Motion to approve the presentation

That the Town and Gown Committee update be approved, as presented

Moved by: Dave Gerow

Carried

6.4 Active Transportation Advisory update ~ Robert Hillier

- Committee's top two priorities– Connectivity and Wayfinding
 - Connecting roads and trails
 - Prioritizing connections
 - Subcommittee to be created re: Transportation Master Plan
- Work Plan
 - Committee is working on a one year plan
 - Also looking forward to a 50 year plan – vacant lands to preserve and act as active transportation corridors in the future.
- Transportation Master Plan
 - Next committee meeting – make major decisions and set priorities for the Transportation MP.
 - Committee's recommendations to be sent to the consultant to include in the Plan.

ii) Comments from Dan Dillon re: City's Transportation Master Plan

- Transportation Master Plan was awarded at the January 16 Council meeting.
- Meetings will be scheduled with various stakeholders and the Niagara Region for input.
- Niagara Region (working on their first Transportation MP over the past year) are having a public meeting for their Transportation MP on February 22nd at the Kiwanis Aquatic Centre.
 - Noted by Diane Foster – there is no bus service to Kiwanis after 6 p.m.
- City's Transportation MP to expand on the Region's and will include but not limited to:
 - Complete streets
 - Wider sidewalks
 - Cycling

- Transit
- Address gaps- increase connectivity
- Short, medium and long visions for the City of St. Catharines
- Review on a five year basis

ACTION:

Councillors Sorrento and Phillips – contact Councillors Siscoe and Haywood (council reps on Transit board) regarding city bus service routes to Kiwanis (after 6 p.m. and Sunday afternoons).

Motion to approve the presentation

That the Active Transportation Committee update be approved, as presented

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried

7. Other Business

- Councillor Sorrento made note that an accessible ramp is being added to the City's showmobile.

- 8. Date of next meeting:** Thursday, April 20, 2017.
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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9. Motion to adjourn

That the Social Sustainability Committee be adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Moved by: Robert Hillier

Carried