

Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Ante Room at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair
Councillor Sal Sorrento
Diane Foster (Co-chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee)
Bernice Detorre (Chair, Town and Gown Advisory Committee)
Peter Warwick (Vice 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
Kristen Sullivan, Staff liaison, Rec MP Committee
Waldy Heyder - Town and Gown

Guests:

Lori Mambella, Manager of Programs and Cultural Services, PRCS

Staff Liaisons:

Peter Leyser – Active Transportation
Diana Lecinski, Staff liaison, Accessibility Advisory Committee
Leanne Kurek – Recording Secretary, SSC

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- 1. The Chair, Councillor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**
 - 2. Motion to approve the agenda**

That the Social Sustainability Committee adopt the agenda as presented

Moved by: Dave Gerow

Carried

3. Motion to approve the SSC minutes, Jan 24, 2017.

Amendment to the minutes of January 24th

- Mobi Mats were not part of the Rick Hanson funding.

Moved by: Dan Dillon

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

- Outdoor Aquatics Task Force:
 - Grantham Ward splash pad recommendation to go to Council.
- Committee meeting held April 18th:
 - Active Transportation representatives attended the Rec Master Plan meeting.
 - Good synergies between the two committees.
 - Transportation Master Plan discussed.
 - Connecting trails and bike paths a priority.
- Upcoming Report to Council:
 - Subsidization price policy - report will be presented to the Pillar committee and then go to Council for approval.

ii) Review current Waiving of Fees applications ~ Lori Mambella

- Update on waiving of fees by Phil Cristi
 - New fee waiving procedure.
 - Organization events and community groups apply for specific fees to be waived.
 - Streamlined approach
 - \$12,500 2017 budget towards waiving of fees.
 - Deadline was March 31 – grace period this year because it is a new procedure.
 - We will continue to review applications until all funds have been used.
 - Approval will go through the Social Sustainability Committee

- Application Review and recommendations ~ Lori M
 - Three of the applications are not to be considered (glitch in system resulted in duplicate submissions).
 - Folk Arts, Niagara Nature Tours and Dorian and Assoc./Fete Events
 - Six of the applications are being deferred as more information is required.
 - Southridge Shelter, Port Dalhousie Market, Links for Greener Learning, Jason Brown, Lions Club Merritton, and Royal Canadian Henley.

Motion to not defer Links for Greener Learning and add to the list to be considered at this meeting.

Moved by: P. Cristi

Carried

- Six applications to consider at the meeting – they have been completed in full.
 - Downtown Association, St. Catharines Wing Festival, Folk Arts Multicultural Centre, Carla Carlson, Links for Greener Learning and Light up the Lake.
 - The following were deferred Folk Arts Multicultural Centre Light up the Lake,

Motion to approve the request for waiving of fees in their applications for the following organization:

Motion to approve to waive \$327.25, which is 50% of the requested amount to be waived for Summer Solstice (Carla Carlson).

Motion to approve a maximum of \$912 to be waived for St. Catharines Wing Fest.

Motion to approve 50% of the street closure to be waived to a maximum of \$600 for the St. Catharines Downtown Association.

Motion to approve 50% of the facility rental to be waived for Links for Greener Learning.

Moved by: Dave Gerow

Carried

ACTION:

Committee to meet on May 9th to review applications that were deferred.

Lori Mambella and her team to connect with all groups whose submissions were deferred and help them in completing the application with the necessary information

Motion to approve the presentation

That the Rec MP Committee update be approved, as presented

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried

6.2 Accessibility Advisory update ~ Diane Foster

- Chair election took place at the last meeting.
 - Shelley Stewart and Diane Foster were re-elected as Co-Chairs.
- Rick Hansen Foundation –
 - Endorsement to the ACC for Accessibility Award.
 - The awards will be held in May.
- Seniors Day – May 29
 - AAC will have a booth with representatives:
 - Mobi mat information, Lakeside Park renovations with accessible features.

ii) 2016 Annual Report on the 2016-2020 Accessibility Plan Approval

- AAC requesting endorsement by the Social Pillar Committee.

Motion that the Social Sustainability Pillar Committee accepts and approves the 2016 Annual Report on the 2016-2020 Accessibility Plan

Moved by: Cllr. Sal Sorrento

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 ~ Bernice Detorre

- The last committee was focused on the St. Patrick's Day incident on Jacobson.
 - NRP reported situation to committee (lack of police availability due to another incident taking place in St. Catharines and Niagara wide – man hunt).
- Student parties need to be managed.
- Sub-committee struck – focus on Halloween, Graduation, September (Frosh week) and St. Patrick's Day.
 - Fire, Police, By-law, Town and Gown representatives and Councillors to be the composition.
 - Coordinated effort
 - Mitigate community impact
 - Brock University representative to identify problem homes and areas and speak to the students, notify the city and landlords along with police and fire.
 - New nuisance by-law now allows for charges to be laid in 2017 if in violation.
- Committee would like to review composition of members, guests and voting members.
 - Committee to revisit at next meeting.
 - Committee feels they have a good amount of voting members and resources.
 - Problem if more voting members are added would be quorum and that has been an issue in the past for the committee.

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 ~ Peter Warwick

- Committee's top two priorities– Connectivity and Wayfinding
 - Focusing on education and promotion
 - Supporting the City with connectivity
- Province input
 - May 12 – Cycling network
 - Waterfront trail, Welland Canal etc.
 - Committee is working on putting information together.

- Lake St and Lakeshore Rd
 - Bike lanes
- Committee recruitment
 - In process, lost a member.
 - Applications will come to Social Pillar for approval after the deadline.

Motion to approve the presentation

That the Active Transportation Committee update be approved, as presented

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried

7. Other Business

- Bernice Detorre made note that educating residents in Niagara about proper cycling i.e. which side to ride on, proper hand signals etc. should be something for the Active Transportation Committee to consider along with bicycle safety programming.

- 8. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017. ~ Special Meeting
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Burgoyne Woods Room

9. Motion to adjourn

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

Moved by: Phil Cristi

Carried