

Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Burgoyne Woods Room at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair
Councillor Sal Sorrento ~ arrived at 5:27 p.m.
Diane Foster (Co-chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee)
Robert Hillier (Chair, Active Transportation Committee)
Dan Dillon (Director, Transportation and Environmental Services)
Phil Cristi (Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services)

Regrets:

Councillor Sandie Bellows
Dave Gerow (Chair, Recreation Facilities and Programming Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee – (Rec MP Committee)
Bernice Detorre (Chair, Town and Gown Advisory Committee)
Bill Brouwer, Town and Gown (staff liaison)

Staff Liaisons:

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

1. The Chair, Councillor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Motion to approve the agenda

That the Social Sustainability Committee adopt the agenda as presented

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried

3. Motion to approve the SSC minutes, Aug 3, 2017.

Moved by: Diane Foster

Carried

4. Business arising from the SSC minutes

n/a

5. Business

6.1 Recreation Master Plan Committee update ~ Phil Cristi, Bill Phillips & Dan Dillon

- Splash pad – North end
 - Council approved the Port Weller location.
 - \$400,000 allocated for construction.
 - To be completed close to July 1, 2018.
 - Future – price on cistern for the splash pad (soccer field near by).
- Aquatics task force:
 - Next agenda item – location of next splash pad (Merritton or Port Dalhousie).
- Seymour Hannah
 - All four pads are operational.
 - New satellite library vending machine will be operational in November.
 - Residents with library cards will be able to get books and drop off books.
- Kiwanis Aquatics Centre
 - Re-opened at the end of September.
- West Park
 - Opened in the middle of September
 - Accessible
 - New washrooms, splash pad and playground.
 - Playground features equipment for children as well as adult fitness equipment.
- Sunset Beach
 - Upgraded washrooms are a future capital project.
- Lancaster Park
 - New washrooms to be installed – tender is currently out
 - The new washrooms and change rooms will be accessible.

6.2 Accessibility Advisory update ~ Diane Foster

- FADS
 - Nearing completion/
 - Waiting for the Niagara Region to update their outdated document.
 - St. Catharines will have its own document.
 - Final draft to be completed October 18

- Training with the FirstOntario PAC staff
 - Accessibility training with all staff at the FirstOntario PAC was completed.
 - Additional training is scheduled in the future at the City in regards to employment and transportation.
- Lakeside Park
 - Committee hosted the opening of Lakeside Park on August 31st
 - Well attended
 - Many accessible features:
 - Sun shelter
 - New playground
 - Band shelter
 - Pavillion
 - Washrooms
- St. Catharines Downtown Association
 - Starting in 2018 committee will start submitting articles for their E newsletter.
- Downtown Streetscape – St. Paul Street and Carlisle
 - Almost completed
 - Curb ramps
 - Pedestrian crossing
 - Sidewalk widened
 - Sidewalk sloping (committee reviewed)
- Lancaster Park
 - Committee reviewed drawing and commented.
- Russell Avenue
 - Universal washroom planned for early 2018

6.3 Town and Gown Advisory update

- No representative in attendance
- Note from Chair – Bill Phillips
 - Motion passed at Council and a sub-committee was struck to deal with special events i.e. homecoming, St. Patrick's Day etc.
 - Committee is comprised of two city councillors and stakeholders i.e. BUSU, NRP, Fire – those involved in helping to control these events.
 - Main goal – how to deal with large parties.
 - Ensure the safety of residents
 - Contain the large parties

6.4 Active Transportation Advisory Committee ~ Robert Hillier

- Bike Racks
 - Racks have been placed in front of the FirstOntario PAC.
 - Racks are needed at the downtown Library, Port Weller and West Park.
 - Accessibility Committee asks that the committee ensure the racks are not a barrier on the sidewalk.
 - Upcoming agenda item for future locations.
- Active Transportation budget
 - Entirely committed to the St. David's overpass project (Capital budget).
 - St. Catharines is contributing 25% of the total cost to that project.
- Centennial Park
 - Future plans to link to Race St.
 - Note part of the current project.
 - City to connect with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss further.
- Hot Spots
 - Committee has identified hot spots to the City and Region for cyclists.
 - Queenston Street at Homer Bridge (Regional road in Niagara-on-the-Lake). Crucial link in the wine route.

ACTION:

Peter and Dan to speak to the Region regarding the liability issue.

- Ontario Municipality Commuter Cycling Grant application
 - Submitted by the City of St. Catharines
 - Those approved will be announced in Fall of 2018
 - St. Catharines had the largest commuter number in Niagara.
- Committee recruitment.
 - Active Transportation Committee member may be stepping down from the committee. If so, the Social Sustainability Pillar committee passed the following motion:

That the Social Sustainability Committee recommends that Jesse Graham be appointed to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, upon confirmation of the resignation of Jim Hunter from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried

Recommendation to go to council for approval

Motion to approve the presentations

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

Moved by: Diane Foster

Carried

7. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday, January 18, 2018.
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Burgoyne Woods Room

9. **Motion to adjourn**

That the Social Sustainability Committee be adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Moved by: Dan Dillon

Carried