

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Ante Room at 4:30pm

Attendance:

Councillor Dave Haywood (Chair)
Councillor Jennie Stevens (Vice Chair)
Peter Thompson (Chair, Green Committee)
Trish Polocko (Clean City Committee)

Staff:

Phil Cristi (Director PRCS)
Jeff McCormick (Acting Chief, Fire Services)

Regrets:

Elaine Manocha (Chair, Clean City Committee),
Councillor Matt Harris
Dave Wood, Fire Chief

Staff Liaisons:

Pat Conway (Clean City Committee)
John Bellehumeur, Manager of Parks
Julie Hughes, Pillar Committee, Recorder

Regrets:

Ilyse Norton (Green Advisory Committee)

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- 1. Call meeting to order:** Chair Haywood
4:35pm

- 2. Motion to approve the agenda**

That the ESC approve the agenda, as presented

Moved: P Thompson

Carried

- 3. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

That the ESC minutes, Oct 10, 2017 be approved

Moved: P Thompstone

Carried

4. Presentations

- n/a

5. Business arising from the minutes

- n/a

6. Business

6.1 Clean City ~ T Polocko

i) Update

- Pitch in days will be April 21 and Sept to be scheduled
- 5 sites are designated throughout city, 2 CC members at each site
- Community groups or neighbourhoods can also choose other sites
- Supplies available at City Hall, Seymour Hannah and Kiwanis Aquatic Centre
- New logo launched

ii) Budget

- \$15,500 carryover from 2017
\$10,000 2018
\$25,500 total budget for 2018
- Many projects have long timelines and are not achievable within budget year
- Discussion on the need for sharps containers and more cigarette butt receptacles (7 of 25 remain due to vandalism) in the downtown

iii) Terms of Reference

- Difficulty achieving quorum so in discussion with City Clerk, and the two school board members, it was determined that their status would change to non-voting

Motion

That the terms of reference for the Clean City Advisory Committee be amended to change the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board representatives from voting members to non-voting members

Moved: J Stevens

Carried

Motion

That the Clean City Committee update be received

Moved by: J Stevens

Carried

6.2 Green Advisory Committee update ~ P Thompstone

- “Welcoming Pollinators to your Garden”: insert in water bills
- Flower pot program: 50/50 split for any BIA to a maximum of 25 pots
- Walker’s Creek project: moving onto the second bed
- Niagara Street: NC students have done design work for Discovery Park
- Eastchester and Bunting: City excavated to determine best soil and a reduced plan for naturalization will be planted at this site
- Lake and James: Investigating “gateway funding” at the Region
- Tree program continues
- Fourth Avenue medians towards the hospital needs trees but the Region has no target for a tree canopy: meeting with Region, City and Chair planned
- Centennial Gardens needs a new co-ordinator for the community garden program
- Applications for community garden funding are coming into E Norton and the recipients will be decided upon by the Green Committee

Motion

That the Green Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: P Cristi

Carried

7. Other business

- Edible garden at the Central Library will be planted again this season

8. Directions/follow ups

- n/a

9. 2018 meetings:

- April, July and October to be scheduled

10. Motion to adjourn

That the ESC be adjourned at 5:45pm

Moved: P Thompson

Carried