

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ante Room at 4:30pm

Attendance:

Councillor Dave Haywood (Chair)
Elaine Manocha (Chair, Clean City Committee),
Peter Thompstone (Chair, Green Advisory Committee)

Staff:

Heather Salter (Director Legal and Clerks Services)
Dan Dillon (Director, Transportation and Environmental Services)

Regrets:

Councillor Matt Harris, Councillor Jennie Stevens

Staff Liaisons:

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

Guests:

Joyce Higgs
Mike Higgs

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- 1. Call meeting to order:** Chair Haywood
4:40pm
 - Roundtable introductions

- 2. Motion to approve the agenda**

That the ESC approve the agenda, as presented

Moved: P Thompstone

Carried

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

That the ESC minutes, Jan 24, 2018 be approved

Moved: P Thompson

Carried

4. Presentations

- n/a

5. Business arising from the minutes

- n/a

6. Business

6.1 Green Advisory Committee ~ P Thompson

i) Community Garden applications approved as follows

- Links for Greener Learning: \$10k
- Denis Morris High School: \$200
- Community Care for Torosian Park: \$4,362
- Grantham Brethren Mennonite Church: \$655
- Scottlea Presbyterian Church: \$3K
- Noted that Queenston Community Group will be submitting an application for Centennial Park

ii) Eastchester-Bunting

- Phase 1 is underway
- RFQ requirements are being fulfilled by contractor

iii) Walker's Creek

- A second bed is being planned
- O'Hara Excavating is donating armor stone backdrop

iv) Lake St Armouries

- Student has produced a 3D rendering of site design to present to GAC and to the Department of National Defense for approval
- GAC seeking donations

v) 360 Niagara Street

- \$10K is budgeted with \$2k designated for deep root treatment for trees

vi) Flower pot program

- 62 of the 100 available have been sold

vii) Brochure to be developed in consultation with Communications staff

- Tree planting and care tips

viii) Trillium Awards

- \$1,000 budget
- New category, "multiple dwelling", being proposed

ix) Fourth Avenue medians

- Pursuing a meeting with forestry staff at the Region to request tree plantings

- x) Gateway to downtown at Lake and Welland
 - City will be conducting an EA on Lake Street between Montebello and Welland
 - D Dillon will incorporate the GAC plans for a gateway into the EA
 - \$15K is dedicated to the gateway project from GAC budget
 - Ward councilors in support
- xi) Tree Code Niagara
 - GAC commits to supporting through membership

Motion

That the Green Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: E. Manocha

Carried

6.2 Clean City Committee ~ E. Manocha

- i) Pitch in Day, Saturday April 21
 - Great participation throughout the community
 - Miller Group had dedicated staff working to clean up QEW off/on ramps
 - Fall clean up will be in September
- ii) Movie in the Park, August
 - CC will sponsor screening of “The Lorax” in Lakeside Park and will invite Niagara Farm Project to engage kids in making their own “seed bombs”
 - Promotion of fall clean up
- iii) Cigarette Butt
 - Receptacle has been purchased for Centennial Park
 - Request to ESC Chair to write letter to NHS to request cigarette butt receptacles or planters outside hospital to mitigate cigarette butt litter
- iv) Graffiti
 - CC and GAC have committed to working together to address
- v) Recruitment
 - Deferred

Motion

That the Clean City Committee update be received

Moved: P. Thompson

Carried

7. Other business

- P Thompson is looking for further clarification on simplified rules for the advisory committees, specifically on email exchange between members and outgoing communications from the advisory committees and media relations

8. Directions/follow ups

- J Hughes to follow up with City Clerk to inquire on how to manage advisory committee recruitments and approvals during these last months of the council term
- Chair Haywood to write letter to the NHS requesting the installation of cigarette butt receptacles at the St. Catharines site
- H Salter is requesting the Clerk to provide further clarification to both Committee Chairs regarding electronic meetings i.e. what their Committees and Sub-Committees can and cannot do by e-mail.

9. Next meeting

- Tuesday July 10
4pm to 5:30pm
Ante Room

10. Motion to adjourn

That the ESC be adjourned at 6pm

Moved: P Thompson

Carried