

Minutes

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

Attendance: Mary Jane Clark, Stephen Holmes, Peter Howes, Robin McDonald, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompsonstone

Staff Liaison: John Bellehumeur, Ray Vachon

Regrets: James McWilliam, Ilyse Norton

Absent: Scott Ritchie

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompsonstone) 5:03 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - Robin McDonald had requested an item under **Item 7. Business:**
 - Generic GAC Poster / Sign
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Peter Howes
4. **Presentations:** Nil
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** Stephen Holmes
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**

- **Updates on Projects and Budgets.** Only projects with changes were discussed.

16-6: Eastchester at Bunting: Peter Howes advised that 'Tree Amigos', who had been awarded the contract, had visited the site with Ilyse Norton, John Stevens and Peter Howes and have located spots for each tree. Tree Amigos plan to plant the trees next week. Once the trees are planted, an "**Another GAC Project**" sign will be installed.

16-12: Walker's Creek: Peter Thompsonstone advised that the "Friends of Walkers Creek", who are partnering on this project, have reviewed and approved his proposed plan. A site visit by Peter Thompsonstone, Dick Thomas and Della Trojan (FWC) located the various plants. Peter Thompsonstone will meet with Ilyse Norton to order the plants. The GAC will also request Ilyse Norton to communicate with O'Hara regarding the Armour Stone.

16-14: 360 Niagara Arboretum: John Bellehumeur, Ilyse Norton, John Stevens and Peter Howes had conducted a site visit. John Stevens had contacted a nursery and had received an estimate for 18 native trees of six species. The GAC recommended the project progress without further discussion or delay. Should additional funds remain, it was

recommended the GAC research acquisition of additional native species trees from other nurseries and also to acquire "ID tags" for existing trees.

16-15: Lake Street Armoury: Peter Thompstone advised the Niagara College student he contracted has produced a first draft 3-D representation. After some refinements he anticipates a finished product which we can then use to approach DND authorities to seek their approval.

17-4: Relocatable Project Sign: The GAC agreed to acquire two additional signs within the allocated project budget. One of the new signs would be placed at project **# 16-6: Eastchester at Bunting** when the trees are planted.

18-2: Flower Pot Program: Ilyse Norton had advised that 68 pots have been 'sold' and that the advertising 'News Release' and 'Facebook' ads had been placed. Stephen Holmes wondered if the BIA cost sharing arrangement could be extended to groups like the "Queenston Round Table" group: after discussion, the GAC agreed that it could.

18-6: 4th Avenue Trees: Peter Thompstone offered to discuss with Ilyse Norton with a view to contacting Jeff Hill, Niagara Region Supervisor of Forestry Operations for an update on possible progress.

18-10: Lock 14 Greening: As requested at previous meetings, John Stevens wondered if a 'ball-park' estimate to unearth the site could be provided by City staff. John Bellehumeur advised that the interested parties should contact the Heritage Advisory Committee for advice, prior to any fund raising activities. He offered to investigate the costs.

18-11: Tree / Street Tree Flyer: The GAC will request Communications Department assistance to design the Water Bill flyer to meet the targeted Jan-Mar insert period.

7. **Business.** Although several of these items were discussed earlier in the meeting, they are recorded under **Paragraph 7. Business**

- **2018 Community Gardens Funding Application.** John Bellehumeur briefed the GAC on an additional Community Garden funding request. The Westview Christian Fellowship had requested funding for their Centennial Garden project. After discussion, the GAC noted this new request for \$1,525.00 which appeared to meet project guidelines would not exceed the previously established \$20K ceiling and therefore should not be a problem.

Motion: Moved by Mary Jane Clark that the Community Garden request from Westview Christian Fellowship for \$1,525 be recommended for approval and implementation.

CARRIED

Note: The GAC noted that their recommendation for additional Community Garden funding would not increase the GAC portion (\$7,600.00) of funds allocated for 2018 Community Gardens.

- **Street Trees in Urban Areas for Pedestrian Protection.** Stephen Holmes, who had requested this item, suggested the depth of discussion should involve Planning as well as Engineering and PRCS. He suggested the GAC schedule the item for discussion at the next meeting and that our Planning representative be requested to attend.

- **Bunting and Eastchester Signage.** John Bellehumeur queried if there was a plan for a post planting sign at the site. As noted in discussion of project # 16-6, a GAC sign is to be installed.
 - **Generic GAC Poster / Sign.** The draft poster provided by the Communications Department and 'tweaked' by GAC member review was considered ready for print. Peter Thompstone offered to communicate with Ilyse Norton to see what we have to do to get the poster / sign printed in time for the 2 June, 2018 "Tree Give-Away". It was proposed that we try to get a 'foam core' poster produced by the City's print shop if possible.
8. **Correspondence:** Nil
 9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 20 June, 2018.
 10. **Motion to Adjourn:** Mary Jane Clark at 6:45 pm.

Attachment: Nil

Since there was no change to the previous project list, a new list is not attached.