

Minutes

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

Attendance: Mary Jane Clark, Robin McDonald, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompstone

Staff Liaison: Ilyse Norton, Ray Vachon

Regrets: Stephen Holmes, Peter Howes, James McWilliam

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompstone) 5:03 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:** Nil
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** John Stevens
4. **Presentations:** Nil
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** John Stevens
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - **Updates on Projects and Budgets.** Only projects with changes were discussed.

16-6: Eastchester at Bunting: The GAC discussed the possibility of adding additional understory trees or shrubs at this location. After discussion, it was decided that only trees would be considered at this time, either as a fall planting project or a follow-on project for next spring.

16-12: Walker's Creek: Although the project is complete, an ongoing method of watering the plantings needs to be established. Ilyse Norton provided a ballpark estimate which the GAC will consider as a follow-on for the project (in either 2018 or 2019).

16-14: 360 Niagara Arboretum: The GAC has several proposals for this site including additional larger trees and identification tags for existing trees. However, until the plan from the 'Visioning Exercise' is complete, the GAC wondered if it should continue with these initiatives or wait for the plan to be approved.

16-15: Lake Street Armoury: Peter Thompstone advised a letter outlining our proposal has been sent to DND. We cannot proceed further until we receive their response.

18-4: Administration: At the July 18 GAC Meeting the proposal to obtain a GAC display banner, which could be purchased using Administration funding, was discussed. Ilyse Norton offered to seek possible prices. Using the data she provided and after considerable discussion, the GAC decided to acquire a display banner.

Motion: Moved by Robin McDonald that the GAC procure a display banner. Ilyse Norton offered to approach 'Communications' to seek their assistance in the production of such a banner as soon as practicable.

CARRIED

18-6: 4th Avenue Trees: The likelihood of GAC funds being used on this project in 2018 is doubtful. As a possible solution, it was proposed to shift allocated funding to another GAC project which can proceed in 2018.

Motion: Moved by Peter Thompstone, that the \$10,000 allocation for **Project 18-6: 4th Avenue Trees** be moved to **Project 18-13: Meadowvale Trees** to allow this project to proceed in 2018, subject to MTO approval.

CARRIED

18-9: Michigan Avenue Parkette: Dick Thomas had contacted the BWC: they remain committed to the project. Ilyse Norton and Peter Thompstone will visit the site to prepare an outline so the 5 understory trees can be planted this fall.

18-10: Lock 14 Greening: John Stevens reported he had not received a reply from the Historical Advisory Committee, nor has he received any 'ball park' cost estimate to unearth the upper walls of the lock from Parks. He will continue to pursue.

7. **Business.** There were 3 subjects on the agenda for this item. One of them was the "Tree Removal at Club Roma". After a brief discussion, the GAC determined that this subject had been closed at the July 18 meeting and would not be further discussed. The other two subjects were:

- **Transportation Master Plan:** Steve Bittner, Transportation and Environmental Services, briefed on the City's work to prepare a Transportation Master Plan. He advised the City's plan had to be integrated with the Region and MTO Transportation Plans as well as accommodating city requirements. He suggested that at the present time, it was probably too early to seek GAC input to their plan. Having said that, however, he advised that he would keep us informed and would seek GAC input at some future time. The GAC thanked Steve for his informative briefing on our future transportation plans.
- **Work Plan for 2019:** After hints that the GAC might be well advised to have an outline plan showing where we might be looking to expend our 2019 budget; the GAC discussed possible future projects. Included in the discussion were existing commitments as well as ongoing projects. A list of possible 2019 GAC projects is attached to and forms part of these minutes. .

8. **Correspondence:** Nil

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 19 September, 2018.

10. **Motion to Adjourn:** Robin McDonald at 7:05 pm.

Attachments:

1. **Possible 2019 GAC Project list**

2: **Green Advisory Committee 2018 Project List** (updated to 15 August 2018).