

Minutes

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

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

Staff Liaison: Ilyse Norton, Ray Vachon

Regrets: Mary Jane Clark, James McWilliam

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompsonstone) 5:01 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:** It was requested that item: **GAC Term-end Report to Council** be added to **Item 7. Business**
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Peter Howes
4. **Presentations:** Nil
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** Robin McDonald
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - A. **Updates on Projects and Budgets.** Only projects with changes were discussed.

15-2: 327 Glendale Parkette: Peter Thompsonstone requested Ilyse Norton to look into replacement of dead trees to determine who should be responsible for their replacement.

16-6: Eastchester at Bunting: The GAC requested Ilyse Norton to look into replacement of a dead tree. In a follow-on discussion from the August GAC Meeting, where it was decided to add additional understory trees, Peter Howes and John Stevens offered to prepare a list of such trees. The list would be circulated to members who were requested to be prepared to approve the list at the October GAC Meeting thereby allowing a fall planting.

16-12: Walker's Creek: Further to the provision of water discussion at the August GAC meeting, the GAC decided, cost permitting, to provide a 'water bib' for the site.

Motion: Moved by Dick Thomas that the GAC fund the installation of a 'Water Bib' at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00. The 'water bib' would facilitate watering the two new beds and surrounding trees.

CARRIED

18-3: Trillium Awards: Several GAC members were able to attend the Trillium Awards presentations on Monday, 10 September. All agreed the ceremony was far superior to previous presentation ceremonies. The GAC congratulated Ilyse Norton for arranging and running the ceremony: Well Done Ilyse!

18-4: Administration: Acquisition of the GAC 'Display Banner' which was approved at the August GAC Meeting was discussed and various options were reviewed. Ilyse Norton was requested to prepare a revised version, based on the GAC input, and to order the banner forthwith.

18-9: Michigan Avenue Parkette: Following the site visit, a planting plan with PRCS was established. Ilyse Norton offered to oversee the bed preparation, as well as the ordering and planting of trees this fall.

18-10: Lock 14 Greening: John Stevens advised he had heard from the Historical Advisory Committee, and although they support the initiative, they have no budget. He indicated he had also discussed getting a cost estimate for unearthing the upper walls of the lock with John Bellehumeur. He will continue to pursue.

18-11: Water Bill Flyer: Stephen Holmes had circulated a draft 'mock-up' of the flyer prior to the GAC Meeting. The resultant discussion produced several additional ideas and proposals. Stephen Holmes will update the flyer outline and circulate to members. Members were requested to be prepared to approve a final version at the October GAC Meeting. This would allow Communications ample time to review and produce a finished product for inclusion in late winter / spring 'Water-Wastewater' billings.

18-13: Meadowvale Trees: Ilyse Norton had requested MTO concurrence with our proposal and has reminded them of our short timeline. In anticipation of MTO Approval, Peter Howes and Peter Thompstone will liaise with Ilyse Norton to get tentative quotes for a fall planting.

B. **Work Plan for 2019:**

The list of possible 2019 projects which was included with the August GAC Meeting minutes was discussed. In addition to the projects listed, the GAC tentatively added:

- **Michigan Avenue Parkette:** Possible partnership with the BWC to create a patio area with benches and plantings overlooking Martindale Pond and the Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Course.

7. **Business.**

GAC Term-end Report to Council: In its 'advisory role to City Council' the GAC discussed and agreed on the need for a Term-end Report to Council. The report would be a written submission from the GAC to the Mayor and City Councillors. The report, inter alia, would:

- **GAC Achievements:** Include a summary of GAC accomplishments over its 3 ½ year term of service

- **GAC Recommendations:** Impart various recommendations for City Council to consider. An 'open-ended' list of possible recommendation items included:

- Tree planting and watering (who should do the planting)
- Private Tree By-Law
- Deposits for damage to trees from lessees of Public spaces
- Addition of a full-time GAC liaison member from the Planning Department
- Consideration of a 'Green Roof' for ALL new or major renovation city infrastructure projects
- Tree planting list
- Possibility of partnering with local nurseries to grow native trees for the City to plant
- Arrangement allowing the City to control tree planting on all streets and roads within the City (and not have to worry about who owns the road/street)
- Other, as yet undefined, recommendations.

GAC members were requested to consider items for inclusion in the report and to be prepared to discuss them at the October GAC Meeting.

8. **Correspondence:** Nil
9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 17 October, 2018.
10. **Motion to Adjourn:** John Stevens at 7:03 pm.