

Minutes

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

Attendance: Peter Howes, Robin McDonald, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompstone

Staff Liaison: Ilyse Norton, Ray Vachon

Regrets: Mary Jane Clark, Stephen Holmes, James McWilliam

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompstone) 5:10 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:** Nil
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Dick Thomas
4. **Presentations:** Nil
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** Peter Howes
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - A. **Updates on Projects and Budgets.** Only projects with changes were discussed.

15-2: 327 Glendale Parkette: Ilyse Norton reported the sign has been installed; the GAC share of the cost is \$1,654.11. **Project Complete.**

16-6: Eastchester at Bunting: No additional understory trees or shrubs will be planted. **Project Complete.**

16-12: Walker's Creek: Due to probable development of property to the west of the plantings, it was decided to move the water bib to the east side of the path. PRCS has programmed the project to be completed by year-end. The GAC also discussed installation of a sign recognizing partners in the creation of the beds.

Motion: Moved by Peter Thompstone that a donor sign for the park be procured and installed at a cost not to exceed \$600.00

CARRIED

16-14: 360 Niagara Arboretum: After reviewing possible tree tag formats, the GAC requested that Ilyse Norton order 100 tags. Peter Howes and John Stevens will finalize the list of trees to be so identified. The GAC also requested Ilyse Norton to research the status of the deep fertilization of selected trees which was to be carried out in the spring/early summer time frame and for which GAC had approved \$2,000.00 of their budget at their 21 Feb 2018 meeting.

16-15: Lake Street Armoury: Dick Thomas reported he had several discussions with Armoury staff and that our project proposal was being processed. He also updated the Armoury request for a large 'tree' planter to be placed on their front entranceway. Ilyse Norton advised a letter requesting the planter would be required; the letter would have to acknowledge ownership of the planter by DND in perpetuity. Dick Thomas will follow-up with Armoury staff,

18-4: Administration: With the purchase of the banner and the '3-D' graphic representations of the Lake Street Armoury project, this project was considered complete for this year.

18-9: Michigan Avenue Parkette: Trees have been planted. Positive comments and thanks were received from both local residents and the Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee. **Project Complete.**

18-11: Water Bill Flyer: Ilyse Norton circulated copies of the 'Communications' approved flyer. With a few minor change recommendations, the GAC considered the flyer ready for print. Ilyse Norton will liaise with Communications to have the flyer printed in colour for inclusion in the Winter/Spring issue of City Water/waste water billings..

18-13: Meadowvale Trees: Meadowvale trees were planted on 13 Nov. The GAC thanked Ilyse Norton and Peter Thompstone for their work to make this a reality. Positive feedback led the GAC to recommend further plantings in this area, **Project Complete.**

B. GAC Term-end Report to Council:

Peter Howes and Peter Thompstone had circulated a 'first draft' of the proposed 'Report to Council' prior to the meeting. Several additions and suggestions were discussed for a second draft. Both Peter Howes and Peter Thompstone offered to continue their work; however, it may not be ready for our December meeting.

C. Work Plan for 2019:

The list of projects which the present GAC might recommend for the new GAC was again discussed. Due to time constraints it was decided to leave any final project recommendation list for the December meeting.

7. **Business:** Although not 'new business' per se, the GAC wondered when a City Park sign would be installed at the Sir Casimir Gzowski Parkette. The Parkette was an initiative of a previous Green Committee which was opened by the Mayor with great fan-fare in Oct 2011. During work on the project, the original sign was removed. Despite countless platitudes for the Parkette which can be found on the city website; there is still no sign. Since both St Catharines Horticultural Society and former Green Committee members have requested an update, the GAC consented to pursue. Ilyse Norton offered to investigate.
8. **Correspondence:** Nil
9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 12 December, 2018.
10. **Motion to Adjourn:** John Stevens at 6:59:59 pm.

Attachment:

2018 GAC Project Expenditure Forecast (updated to 21 Nov 2018)

Although this article will not be included in the minutes, it was taken directly from the City Web page.

A new and improved Gzowski Park unveiled

Posted on Wednesday October 12, 2011

A once tired-looking greenspace in north St. Catharines has been given a makeover and its fresh, new look was officially unveiled today.

Sir Casimir Gzowski Park on Niagara Street has been transformed into an inviting focal point for the surrounding neighbourhood with new benches, greenery, trees, flagpoles and other upgrades thanks to donations from the local Polish community, the City's Green Committee and the St. Catharines Horticultural Society. The renovations to the park, which were made throughout the summer, cost about \$35,000.

"Sir Casimir Gzowski Park is a beautiful, welcoming spot in our city thanks to the vision and commitment of local residents and the Green Committee," Mayor Brian McMullan said. "The enhancements made to this greenspace really highlight the fact that we take pride in being the Garden City."

Sir Casimir Gzowski Park was dedicated in 1967 and serves as a reminder of the contributions made to the city and region by the Polish community. Among his many accomplishments, Sir Casimir Gzowski was the first chairman of the Niagara Parks Commission, from 1885-1893.

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