

Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Atrium Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

Attendance: Stephen Holmes, Peter Howes, Robin McDonald, James McWilliam, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompstone

Staff Liaison: Ilyse Norton, Ray Vachon

Regrets: Mary Jane Clark

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompstone) 5:06 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:** Peter Howes
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - A. **Updates on Projects and Budgets.** Only projects with changes were discussed.

16-12: Walker's Creek: Ilyse Norton advised that the brass recognition plaque has been ordered and paid, water bib is on back order, still planning to install in 2018.

16-14: 360 Niagara Arboretum: John Stevens had circulated a report which outlined a systematic numbering of the 360 Niagara Arboretum trees. During the meeting, he explained the methodology the subcommittee used to prepare the list of trees and to recommend specific trees to be tagged. The GAC requested Ilyse Norton, with input from the sub-committee, to order the 60 tags recommended by the report. Ilyse Norton also indicated the \$2,000 allocated for deep fertilization (which was not be completed in 2018), would be carried over to 2019.

16-15: Lake Street Armoury: Dick Thomas advised Armoury staff are still reviewing our proposal. He and Ilyse Norton also advised that the requested 'Tree Pot' had been placed in front of the Armoury. Ilyse Norton noted this project was also requested for carry-over to 2019.

18-11: Water Bill Flyer: Ilyse Norton indicated the 'Tree' flyer was being printed and would be available for insertion into the next water/waste water billings.

B. GAC Term-end Report to Council:

Peter Thompstone led a discussion to review the latest draft of the report. After a number of amendments, most items were agreed. In a couple cases, GAC members offered to provide additional rationalization to strengthen our points. The aim is to have the report delivered to Councillors prior to any possible review of the GAC Terms of Reference for its next 4-year term.

C. Work Plan for 2019:

The present GAC found a list of suggested projects generated by a previous committee to be beneficial. The GAC therefore decided to prepare a list of possible projects for review by the next GAC iteration. As a start point, the current GAC has several projects in progress, some of which have carry-over funding requested from the 2018 budget. Additionally, there were other projects which the GAC was unable to tackle: these were also considered worthy of evaluation by a future GAC. As well, the list contains a few possible new projects for deliberation. The resultant list of possibilities is attached to the minutes.

7. **Correspondence:** Nil
8. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 16 January, 2019.
9. **Motion to Adjourn:** John Stevens at 7:09 pm.

Attachments:

- **List of possible future GAC projects**

Attachment to 12 Dec 2018 GAC Meeting Minutes

List of possible future GAC projects

Project	Title	Comments
16-4	James/Lake/Welland	\$15K requested to be carried over from 2018 budget
16-14	360 Niagara Arboretum	Continuation of existing proj (carry-over funding?)
16-15	Lake Street Armoury	Continuation of existing proj (carry-over funding?)
18-7	Carlisle/McGuire Gore	Possible participation in City project
18-10	Lock 14 Greening	Possible project?
New	Facer St: Boys & Girls Club Trees	Possible project?
Follow-on	Eastchester / Bunting	Pollinator Garden fol-on from proj 16-6
New	Tree Management Strategy	Educational project?
Follow-on	QEW Corridor	Follow-on from proj 18-13
New	Day Care Trees	Possible proj to protect Day Care playgrounds
Ongoing	Community Gardens	20% of GAC Budget
Ongoing	Flowerpot Program	Summer Flowerpot program
New	Winter pot Program	Possible expansion of Flowerpot program
Ongoing	Trillium Awards	Continuing support
New	Water Bill Flyer	A good way 'to get the message out'
New	Green Roof	Possible participation in City project
Follow-on	Michigan Ave Parkette	Follow-on from the tree planting project
New	Facer Street: Improvement project	Possible project? (Councillor recommended)