

## Minutes

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

**Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm**

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

**Staff Liaison:** Ilyse Norton, Christine Adams

**Regrets:** James McWilliam

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1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompstone) 5:00 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**
  - Ilyse Norton requested “Bee City request” be added under para 7 Business
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Mary Jane Clark
4. **Presentations:** Nil
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting** (as amended): Peter Howes. John Stevens voted nay
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**
  - A. **Updates on Projects and Budgets.** Only projects with changes were discussed.

**# 16-6: Eastchester at Bunting:** Peter Thompstone proposed a trial ‘Pollinator Bed’ be planted among the existing and newly planted trees as a trial. The GAC supported this idea and requested Ilyse Norton investigate the feasibility of the proposal.

**# 16-12: Walker’s Creek:** Ilyse Norton advised the water bib has been installed.

**# 16-14: 360 Niagara Arboretum:** The GAC sub-committee advised that there were at least 50 trees which could be positively identified at this time of year. The GAC requested that Ilyse Norton order ‘tags’ for the 50 trees with input from the sub-committee.

**# 16-15: Lake Street Armoury:** Ilyse Norton advised the ‘Tree Pot’ had been delivered and placed as requested by Armoury staff.

**B. GAC Term-end Report to Council:**

Peter Howes and Peter Thompstone had finalized the report and had forwarded it to Ilyse Norton requesting she forward it through appropriate channels to Councillors. Ilyse Norton was advised to forward the report to the Environmental Sustainability Committee and also to senior PRCS staff, which she did. GAC members were concerned that some 'time sensitive' items might not be reviewed in time to be included in any revised GAC Terms of Reference. Further, they were concerned that members of a new GAC might not be able to address questions which might arise. The GAC requested Peter Thompstone, as Chair, contact the City Deputy Clerk to air our concerns.

**C. Work Plan for 2019:**

The GAC reviewed the list of projects contained in the last minutes. Some of the projects have already been completed, some were requested to be deferred and some will be addressed by PRCS. During discussion, Christine Adams was able to highlight areas adjacent to the QEW which could benefit from additional greening which both the GAC and PRCS could pursue. After some deliberation, the GAC decided to address the issue when the 2019 GAC budget has been allocated, possibly as early as our February meeting.

**7. Business:**

- **Bee City Request.** Ilyse Norton advised that the city's membership in the 'Bee City' program requires annual renewal. Since this was not included in 2019 PRCS budget, she wondered if the GAC would be prepared to fund the \$500.00 fee on a one time basis. After discussion of the benefits of remaining within the 'Bee City' network, the GAC agreed this would be a wise investment.

**Motion:** Moved by Mary Jane Clark that the GAC fund, on a one time basis, the \$500.00 fee required to renew the city's "Bee City" membership.

**CARRIED**

- **Flower Pot Program.** Stephen Holmes wondered if we could develop a methodology to better advertise this highly successful program. After discussion, the GAC requested Ilyse Norton discuss with Communications and to invite them to attend our February meeting. .

**8. Correspondence:** Nil

**9. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 20 February, 2019.

**10. Motion to Adjourn:** John Stevens at 6:43 pm.