



Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
MAYOR'S GRAFFITI COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

3:00 to 4:00pm

St. Catharines City Hall, 50 Church Street: Committee Room 1

Meeting Notes

Present: Mayor Brian McMullan

Staff: Stacey Wells (legal), Kristen Sullivan (RCS)

Tisha Polocko, Ben Hannan, Kris Akilie, Ben Wilby, Cam Hathaway

Peter Voulgaridis

Regrets: Councillor Jeff Burch

Staff: Rick Lane and Jim Benson (RCS)

Dan Trainor, Michelle Price, Selby Harris, Daniel Frye, Edmund Bruckner

Stacey Sheehan, Dave Schulz, Paul Jackson

Guests: Hilary and Victoria, students from Brock University

Welcome from Julie Hughes (on behalf of the Mayor)

Roundtable introductions

Approval of meeting notes from September 4, 2012

- Motion to approve, by Kris Akilie
- All in favour
- Carried

1. Joint Mural Task Force ~ Tisha Polocko

- Goal to roll out a civic mural program in 2013
- Work from municipal sites identified by RCS
- Proposals to go out spring/summer 2013

Action: *Joint Mural Task Force will be identifying a budget & making that request of Graffiti Committee*

(Mayor McMullan takes over the chair)

2. Update on graffiti removals ~ Mayor McMullan

- CN bridge site, PAC hoarding and Glenridge lawn bowling club fencing were all cleaned

3. Review of Graffiti Committee account~ Mayor McMullan

- Expenditures: Rinkboards \$411.89
Powerwasher \$5,763.00
Fencing \$250.00
- Current balance \$67,816.25 (with those expenses paid)
- There will be no funds allocated to this account in 2013 budget

Motion by Ben Hannan: *That the expenditures identified in the agenda be approved and paid from the Graffiti account*

- All in favour
- Carried

4. Vine Planting Initiative ~ Ben Hannan

- The \$2,000.00 (for plant material) committed to this joint project with Green Committee was not fully spent in 2012

Motion by Ben Hannan: *That the funds not spent on the greening pilot project (2012 QEW barrier) is rolled over for future planting sites along the QEW at staff's discretion*

- All in favour
- Carried

5. Graffiti Removal Program ~ Ben Hannan

- Stats: 2009 ~ 6 applicants (\$2,200 payout)
2011 ~ 1 applicant (\$300 payout)
2012 ~ 1 inquiry
- Discussion on the merits of following up on with those who have accessed the graffiti removal program as to their satisfaction

Motion by Kris Akilie: *That the upset limit of \$300.00 for the Graffiti Removal Program is increased to \$500.00 per incident, not to exceed \$1,500 per annum per property*

- All in favour
- Carried

6. 3 year review of graffiti stats ~ Mayor McMullan

- See appendix
- General decline illustrated in both graffiti reports to NRP and City and those sites cleaned by Mainstream
- Mainstream has been unable to clean city buildings tarnished by graffiti due to staff's concerns that the integrity of the building may be compromised

Action: *Mayor to review with RCS and TES staff*

7. Committee composition review ~ Mayor McMullan

- Resignations accepted by Pathstone representative
- Status of reps from St. Catharines Community Policing in question at this time
- Difficulty in achieving quorum and the role of alternate councillor discussed

Action: *Committee members will contact others to encourage attendance*

Next meeting: Tuesday March 26

3pm to 4:30pm

Committee Room 1

Meeting adjourned: 4:15

Graffiti, Jan 15, Item 6

2010 Sites	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	TOTAL	% change
Cogeco	127	58	22	30	41	48	26	14	366	
City Parks	0	0	9	65	33	8	1	2	118	
Region	0	0	64	23	32	8	0	18	145	
TOTAL CLEANED									629	

2010 Reports

NRP

Prop Stds

TOTAL REPORTED

67
37

104

2011 Sites	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	TOTAL	% change
Cogeco	0	0	0	0	65	10	50	33	158	
City Parks	25	22	31	46	5	10	4	23	166	
Region	12	40	43	38	6	32	12	25	208	
TOTAL CLEANED									532	-15%

2011 Reports

NRP

Prop Stds

TOTAL REPORTED

30
14

44

2012 Sites	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	TOTAL	% change
Cogeco	29	35	1	9	52	22	14	15	177	
City Parks	24	21	18	68	68	10	6	3	218	
Region	40	12	0	0	11	10	8	8	89	
TOTAL CLEANED									484	-23%

2012 Reports

NRP

Prop Stds

TOTAL REPORTED

46
16

62