

Minutes

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

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

Staff Liaison: Christine Adams, Chris Nye

Regrets: Dick Thomas, James McWilliam, Ilyse Norton

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompstone) 5:05 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - John Stevens requested “response from visioning” be added under para 7 Business
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Robin McDonald
4. **Presentations:** Nil
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** Steve Holmes.
Note: John Stevens requested that it be noted in these minutes (Feb. 20) that he opposed the adoption of the December minutes at the January meeting.
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - A. **Updates on Projects and Budgets.** Only projects with changes were discussed.

16-14: 360 Niagara Arboretum: The GAC sub-committee forwarded a list of 51 trees which could be positively identified at this time of year. Ilyse Norton ordered ‘tags’ for the 51 trees with the method of attachment to be worked out. The tags will show 4 lines of print: common name, Latin Name, Range, and Tree Number (for map reference). The rest of the park will have tree tags identified by John Stevens and Peter Howes later this spring. The GAC requested that Ilyse report on the tree attachment method(s) and the cost at the next meeting.

Flower Pot Program: In Ilyse Norton’s absence, Chris Nye advised the ‘Flower Pot Program’ is ready to go. The GAC had earlier requested Ilyse Norton to discuss a way to

better advertise the program with Communications and now are inviting them to attend our March meeting.

B. GAC Term-end Report to Council:

Peter Thompstone contacted the City Deputy Clerk to air our concerns about the report getting to Council. The GAC's concerns/comments about lack of councillor contact, as well as, similar comments from the Clean City Committee and the Graffiti Committee were recorded in previous Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) minutes. The GAC's End of Term Report will go to the ESC and then to Council. Peter Thompstone as past chair will make a presentation at the next ESC pillar meeting about the report. A copy of the GAC's End of Term Report is appended to these minutes

C. Work Plan for 2019:

Christine Adams confirmed that the 2019 GAC budget has been allocated. The outgoing GAC members did not want to allocate project funding for the next GAC.

7. Business:

- **Niagara Visioning Exercise.** Ilyse Norton had provided a memo from Jessica Button on the progress of the visioning exercise. The recommendations from the exercise have not been finalized and the GAC's possible activities in the park are on hold. The GAC is still interested in contributing to the park but want to ensure our contributions are in line with the final report from the visioning exercise. The GAC requested Jessica Button for a timeline for the planning to be implemented.
- **Old Lock 14 Welland Canal.** John Stevens again requested PRCS for a cost estimate for work to expose the top of the lock that is adjacent to Sobey's plaza. There is a citizens' group that is interested in raising funds to uncover the top of the lock.
- **Possible partnership with the St Catharines Horticultural Society.** Peter Thompstone indicated that the Horticultural Society is willing to partner with the GAC if a suitable project could be found. Discussion ensued about planting small groupings of flowering trees on city owned land adjacent to roadways. One possibility was a "gateway planting" on Dieppe Road where the Hamilton bound QEW exits to Welland Ave. Another possibility was a row of trees along both sides of St Paul Street west, between Vansickle Road and The Seymour-Hanna Sports and Entertainment Centre.

8. Correspondence: Nil

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 20 March, 2019.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Mary Jane Clark at 6:15 pm.