

DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, October 09, 2019

Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair
Jeanette Pillitteri, Director of Corporate Support Services
Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Cultural Services
Diane Foster, Co-chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee
Sharon Paton, Chair of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee
Haley Bateman, Chair of the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee
Saleh Waziruddin, Chair of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

Guests:

Kristen Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk ~ left at 5:00 p.m.
Deanna Chakarova, Community and Market Coordinator ~ left at 5:23 p.m.
Lori Mambella, Manager, Programs and Culture Services

Staff Liaison:

Julie Rorison, Equity and Inclusion Advisory
Leanne Kurek, Social Pillar

Absent:

Councillor Greg Miller
Councillor Sal Sorrento
Jim Richardson, Chair Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee
Brody Longmuir Chair, Town and Gown Advisory Committee
Vacant, Chair Older Adults Advisory Committee
Eric Lamothe, Recreation Master Plan Advisory (staff liaison)
Marco Marino, Town and Gown Advisory Committee (staff liaison)
Koby Vanyo, Older Adults Advisory (staff liaison)
Megan Detlor, Accessibility Advisory (staff liaison)
Cindy Pfeffer, Anti-Racism Advisory (staff liaison)
Marla Terreberry-Portfilio, LGBTQ2+ Advisory (staff liaison)

-
1. **Call meeting to order (Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair)**
4:30 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Councillor Phillips acknowledged that the land on which the Social Sustainability Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

Addition: Roundtable introductions

Committee members introduced themselves in a roundtable discussion.

Deletion:

8.5 Town and Gown Advisory Committee update (no representative present)

4. Motion to approve the agenda

That the Social Sustainability Committee adopt the agenda as amended.

Moved by: H. Bateman

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Motion to adopt the SSC minutes, July 23, 2019.

Moved by: Diane Foster

Carried

6. Presentations (invited guests)

Kristen Sullivan gave a short presentation on the advisory committee's work plans and reporting structure to Pillar committee.

7. Business arising from the minutes

NA

8. Business

8.1 - Waiving of Fees Applications ~ Deanna Chakarova

Motion to approve the request for waiving of fees in their applications for the following organizations:

Motion to approve to waive \$265.45 for St. Francis High School 44th Annual Pilgrimage

Motion to approve to waive \$358.72 for the Great Holiday Food Drive.

Motion to approve to waive \$152.96 for the St. Catharines Terry Fox Run

8.2 – Review of applications for various committees and make recommendations.

Motion to go In Camera at 5:25 p.m.

That the Social Sustainability Committee go In Camera for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Moved by S. Waziruddin

Carried

8.3 – In Camera ~ Review applications for the Older Adults Advisory Committee (vacancy) and the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee (vacancy).

Motion to move to Open Session at 5:45 p.m.

That the Social Sustainability Committee move to Open Session

Moved by S. Waziruddin

Carried

That the Social Sustainability Committee recommended names for advisory committees in the In Camera Session and for the recommendations to be referred to council.

Moved by S. Waziruddin

Carried

8.4 – Accessibility Advisory update ~ Diane Foster

- Playgrounds – priority
 - Accessibility for children with mobility devices, surface area as well as equipment.
- Transit
 - Accessible bus stops
 - Service animals
 - Behaviour
- Paratranist
 - Retrofit for vehicles (disabled parents with able bodied infants).
 - Review of policies in place

8.5 – Deleted from agenda

8.6 Recreation Master Plan Advisory update ~ Phil Cristi (on behalf of Chair J. Richardson)

- Parks Legacy Fund
 - The RMPAC reviewed the Parks Legacy Fund and provided recommendations to staff and the Budget Standing Committee
 - Community involvement, neighbourhoods groups encouraged to get involved with fundraising for enhancements to neighbourhood parks
- Community Outdoor Ice Rink Policy
 - The RMPAC reviewed and endorsed the Community Ice Rink Policy
 - 2 applications received for the same community (1 outdoor rink for 2019 fall)
- Outdoor Aquatics Task Force
 - The RMPAC elected 3 representatives for the Outdoor Aquatics Task Force
 - Priorities: destination outdoor pool, splash pads, existing inventory of outdoor pools.
- Pricing Policy Community Consultations
 - The RMPAC members attended and promoted phase #2 of the Pricing Policy Community Consultations
- Playgrounds
 - Standards developed
 - Accessible surface and equipment
- Rzone Policy
 - The RMPAC reviewed and endorsed the [Rzone Policy](#)
- Development of Work Plan
 - The RMPAC reviewed the Recreation Master Plan recommendations and developed the RMPAC work plan for the 4-year term
 - The top two prioritized recommendations on the work plan included Tennis/Pickleball/Multi-Use Courts and a Skateboard Park (north of the QEW)
- Next steps: Work Plan Implementation
 - Further explore the prioritized work plan recommendations

8.7 Older Adults Advisory update ~ Leanne Kurek (on behalf of Koby Vanyo)

- Older Adult Advisory Committee vacancy
 - Need to fill vacancy and appoint new Chair

- Next meeting is scheduled for Oct 22nd ~ select Chair & Vice Chair
- Age Friendly Niagara Event ~ Oct 24 (Smithville)
 - Committee invited to event
 - Event has members from all Older Adult Advisory Committees across Niagara together for networking and information sharing.

8.8 LGBTQ2+ Advisory update ~ Sharon Paton

- Rainbow Crosswalks
 - First priority
 - Location: recommended in front of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.
 - NRP to increase patrols once implemented
- Youth Education
 - Mandate of committee
 - Safe spaces
- Work plan
 - Develop work plan at next meeting (Oct 22)

8.9 Equity and Inclusion Advisory update ~ Haley Bateman

- Work plan
 - Brainstorming session at first meeting to identify priorities
 - Develop work plan at next meeting (Nov 5)
 - Submit to council for budget consideration

8.10 Anti-Racism Advisory update ~ Saleh Waziruddin

- Work plan
 - Facilitated discussion at first meeting
 - Develop work plan at next meeting
- Graffiti
 - Develop response protocol for racist graffiti
 - Policy for both public and private to be removed within 24 hours
- Treaties Recognition Week
 - Nov 5-9
 - Noted that Mayor recognizes at council and social media

- Coalition for Inclusive Communities (Niagara Region)
 - Committee spoke in favour for St. Catharines to join
 - Synergy with – Equity and Inclusion, LGBTQ2+ and Anti-Racism committees
- News / Current events
 - Shooting downtown St. Catharines (Sept 29)
 - NRP diversity and inclusion policy
 - Racialized individuals uncomfortable around law enforcement

Motion to approve the presentations from:

Accessibility, Recreation Master Plan, Older Adults, LGBTQ2+, Equity and Inclusion and Anti-Racism Advisory Committees

Moved by S. Wazirudin

Carried

9. Date of next meeting

- TBD
- Pillar committee to meet quarterly
- Leanne to send out meeting schedule

10. Motion to Adjourn

That the Social Sustainability Committee be adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Moved by: H. Bateman

Carried