

Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Lake St. Service Centre at 5:00PM

Attendance:

Dick Thomas, Steve Holmes, Brenda Boonzaijer, Peter Howes, Daya Lye, Andrew Kretz

Regrets:

Mark Jemison, Mike Anderson

Staff Liaison:

Ilyse Norton (CRCS), Andrew Ferguson (EFES), Dan Cooper (MW)

1. **Call meeting to order:** 5:00 pm D. Thomas
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories** – Read by D. Thomas
3. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:** None
4. **Motion to approve the agenda:** Daya Lye
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting:** Brenda Boonzaijer
6. **Presentations:** None
7. **Business**

Steve Holmes arrived: 5:12 p.m.

7.1 Green Advisory Committee Annual Report

- Next ESC meeting date is tentatively set for January 8, 2019.
- Advisory Committee Annual Report template was presented to the GAC.

7.2 2020 Work Plan

- Suggested to take main themes that were developed to begin work planning into 2020.

- Three common risks that were mentioned were schedule, cost and scope.
- It was suggested to possibly rename or condense some of the items on the list of themes that were developed.
- Backyard tree planting cost sharing program was proposed. An example of one is in Toronto called L.E.A.F. Cost share 50/50 of purchase for the tree. Upper limit set on how much would be subsidized and allocate funds on a first come first serve basis. Types of species could be specified. **(\$5,000)**
- Tree protection: Project suggested to try out different products on either a City boulevard or other areas. Areas where vandalism is prevalent could also be tried and/or to begin understory succession planning for specific areas such as Montebello Park where there is a high amount of foot traffic. It was noted success may not be measured for a few years. **(\$5,000)**
- Radio advertisements and Facebook ads were discussed. A contest with a cash prize to come up with a “meme” advertisement to use on social media to promote public education. It was noted this would have to be vetted through Communications. **(\$2,000)**
Action Item: Daya will send Ilyse Norton (CRCS) an email with her idea and Ilyse will forward to the Communications department to begin the process.
- Living walls/roofs were discussed. Lake St. Service was discussed as an option. The Bus depot downtown was discussed. A list of possible municipal facilities could be discussed. **(\$5,000)**
Action Item: Brenda and Andrew to send Ilyse a list of potential places that she can then forward to begin the process.
- Naturalization/pollinator/tree planting projects at schools was discussed. **(\$2,000)**
- Community involvement and plantings were discussed for planting of trees and/or pollinator gardens on private property. (Note the GAC Terms of Reference indicates “Partnerships pertaining to publicly available private land must receive Council Authorization.”)
- Naturalization of the grassed areas Dieppe/Dunkirk area beside the QEW. **(\$5,000).**
- Pollinator giveaway in the spring was discussed. Taking leftover or split plants from some of the City’s user groups (if agreeable) and giving them away.
- Earth Day Expo was discussed. **(\$1,000)**
- Water Bill Insert **(\$2,500)**
- Flower Pot Program.
- Community Gardens **(\$7,600)**

7.3 2021 Work Plan

- 2021 work plan and budget will need to be presented in June of 2020.
- Group to think about between now and June meeting. Possible projects that could be added and also building on successes with the 2020 work plan that is being devised.

7.4 Private Tree By-Law Report

- Steve Holmes circulated a table with Burlington and Cambridge as comparison municipalities with tree by-laws. (See attached)
- It was suggested to add some exemptions to the by-law as currently these are unclear.
- Group to meet in the second week of December.

7.5 GAC Report to November 6 ESC meeting:

- November 7 meeting was reported to GAC.
- 2019 carryover requests were reported.
- Parts of private tree by-law asked for clarification. It was confirmed that councilors are not able to work on or comment on the by-law at this time.
- August 7 ESC meeting – Motion to amend GAC Terms of Reference to include Municipal Works and Planning and Building Services staff members. Following the Nov 6 ESC meeting, Council approved a total of four staff liaisons for the GAC – Community, Recreation and Culture Services (CRCS), Municipal Works (MW), Engineering, Facilities and Environmental Services (EFES) and Planning and Building Services (PBS).
- Dan Cooper (Supervisor of Forestry) was welcomed to GAC as MW representative.

8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

9. Motion to Adjourn: Daya Lye @ 7:01p.m.