

Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Lake Street War Room at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Mike Anderson, Dick Thomas, Steve Holmes, Andrew Kretz, Peter Howes

Regrets:

Brenda Boonzaijer, Daya Lye, Mark Jemison, Mike Anderson left at 6:20pm

Staff Liaison:

Chris Nye (MW) Karen Primmer (MW) (Regrets: Dan Cooper)

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Dick Thomas (5:05 pm)

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Read by Dick Thomas

3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda: NIL

[List Additions/Deletions]

4. Motion to approve the agenda: Mike Anderson

[Motion to Approve]

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting: Andrew Kretz

[Motion to Approve Previous Meeting]

6. Presentations: *Ken Thornton Tree Planting Proposal*

-wants GAC assistance to plant seedlings in various lands throughout City of St. Catharines, assist with fencing at proposed location

-Islamic Private School willing to participate

GAC agrees that tree planting is good idea.

GAC recommends Ken Thornton solidify partner/team and committee to ensure success

GAC suggests Ken Thornton advise Islamic school to seek grant approval to build tree garden
GAC accepts presentation and proposal

6. Business arising from the minutes

7.1 Implementation Plan for 2020 Work Plan: The GAC discussed the various projects which made up the 2020 Work Plan which the GAC had approved at its Dec 18th meeting. There was some discussion that we should focus on fewer, perhaps the higher visibility projects, for the plan. It was decided that we need to move forward as soon as practicable with the projects to ensure they are completed in 2020. Members were requested to have work start suggestions for the February meeting.

7.2. Discussion of GAC 2021 Work Plan and Budget: Discussion on this item was limited to requesting that GAC members be prepared to recommend items/projects to be discussed in the Feb meeting. All were reminded that we need an agreed 2021 work plan ready for presentation at a Jun-Jul ESC meeting.

7.3. TOR Follow-on Discussions: Lead GAC member for this discussion was not present and item will therefore be tabled until the Feb meeting

7.4. GAC Report to Jan 8 ESC Meeting: As Chair, Dick Thomas advised, as directed by the GAC at the Dec 18 meeting, that he had presented the "GAC 2020 Work Plan" and the "Report to Council on the Private Property Tree By-Law" to the 8 Jan ESC Meeting. The results of the presentations were:

a) **GAC 2020 Work Plan.** After discussion, the ESC approved the GAC 2020 Work Plan in principle with details on each initiative to be provided to the ESC.

b) **Private Property Tree By-Law.** The ESC 'received' the GAC Report to Council on the Private Property Tree By-Law and agreed to refer the Report directly to City Council.

7. Business

8.1. Suggestion was made to scale up the Flower Pots in areas like Port Dalhousie. ESC has indicated that city provided flower pots and hanging baskets are no longer being placed in Port Dalhousie.

8.2. GAC: Guest speakers should have a max 10 Minute time limit for presentations with extension only if member requests further information.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

8. Motion to Adjourn: Peter Howes at 7:00pm