



GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

5:09 to 7:15PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Present: David Haywood, Matt Harris, Matt Holley, James McWilliam, Jesse Matthews, Lou Marcantonio, John Sheehan

Regrets: Tony Di Paola, Mark Jemison, Jennie Stevens

Staff: Dan Dillon, Kristen Sullivan, Rick Tapp

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm with 7 members in attendance

Review of minutes from January 9, 2013

- Motion to approve Minutes – M. Holley
- Seconded – L. Marcantonio
 - Carried

Guest – Jocelyn Baker, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA)

- Canopy for Kids - Program Background
 - Provides the opportunity to get into the classroom and talk about the benefits of trees and their link to water quality, biodiversity, climate change, etc.
 - Each school receives 10 large trees (60 mm cal) that the kids watch a contractor install, and each class gets 1-2 smaller trees (10 gals pots) which they plant with assistance from NPCA staff. The class is responsible for maintenance and watering until the end of the school year. During the summer watering is contracted out.
 - Use only native species, seeds sourced within 200km of Welland (excludes U.S.)
 - Considered successful – Over the past 2 years (20 schools) only 1 large tree needed to be replaced, the smaller trees have had some issues with vandalism
- 2013 Program
 - St. Catharines schools – St. Nicholas (149 Church St.) and Carleton (1 Carlton Park Dr.)
 - Planting will be end of April/early May
 - Presentation occurs in April around Earth Day
- Green Committee Involvement
 - Contributed \$6,500 towards the program in both 2011 and 2012
 - Partner logos can be on webpage and any literature that is handed out
 - NPCA always sends something home that prompts the parents to ask about the tree the student planted that day
 - Potential for the Committee to provide seedlings for the students
 - Committee members can attend preliminary meeting with the principal to determine where trees will be planted, the presentation, planting, or the follow-up inspections

Guest – Mike Rose, Land Care Niagara (LCN)

- Organization Background
 - Incorporated in 1995 under the Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR) stewardship program. At the end of March the MNR will end its program; LCN will continue to operate but will be responsible for raising all funds.
 - Planted more than 1.3 Million trees in Niagara, most projects are rural, however Re-Leaf program is focused on urban areas
 - Grow small trees pot-in-pot until they are large enough to be planted elsewhere (can grow 600 at one time). Groups (i.e. non-profits, school groups, private cemeteries) then sponsor the trees and a mentor (i.e. Niagara College, Niagara Parks Commission, horticultural societies, etc.) assists with planting the trees and maintaining for 1 year
 - Sponsorship cost – \$85 (2013) includes mulch, stakes, ties, and recognition plaque
 - Native trees with local seed sources
- Pearson Arboretum
 - Have 10 trees available for Committee
 - May want to consider fall planting which has higher success rate
 - Trees 6 – 15 feet:
 - Available: Tulip Tree, Black Oak, Bur Oak, American Elm, Hophornbeam (only 1), Bitternut Hickory, Red Bud
 - Not available: Pin Oak, Pawpaw, Kentucky Coffeetree (only 1 gal pots)
 - Other species to consider: Sycamore, River Birch, Red Maple, Red/Silver Maple, Paper Birch, Hackberry, Ornamental Honey Locust, Trembling Aspen, Black Cherry, Serviceberry, White Pine
- Michelle Martin will be taking over Mike's position in April

Current Project Update**1. Niagara West Train Station Revitalization**

- No movement

2. North Pearson Park Arboretum

- See discussion with Mike Rose, LCN (above)
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to look into installation of sponsored trees

3. Geneva/406 Naturalization

- Butterfly bush plantings will be revisited at March meeting

4. Tree Give-Away Contest Planting

- **Action:** K. Sullivan to order printing and place on website

5. 70 Duncan Drive Tree Planting

- **Action:** M. Jemison to look at tree selection

6. Green Committee Literature

- To be printed in advance of Earth Day
- **Action:** M. Holley to continue getting quotes for printing

7. Johansson's Bar

- **Action:** J. McWilliam to continue with design
- **Action:** D. Haywood to meet with community partners
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to arrange fundraising with Finance

8. Entrance to the City Greening – Merritt/Ormond

- **Action:** K. Sullivan to obtain quotes
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to inform L. Marcantonio of when ready for corporate donation

2013 Project Proposals

9. Flat Iron Garden – Welland/Welland Vale

- No movement

10. Glendale Avenue Gateway – Glenadale/Welland Canals Parkway

- No movement

11.88 Queenston

- L. Marcantonio presented concept plan and budget
- **Action:** Committee members to visit in preparation of discussion in March

12.62 St. Paul St. West

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13. Revitalization of Past Committee Projects

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14. Landmark Building – 43 Church St

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15. Water Protection for 2013

- No movement

16. Lake Street Reconstruction

- **Action:** L. Marcantonio and J. McWilliam to meet and discuss

17. Canopy For Kids (NPCA)

- See discussion with Jocelyn Baker, NPCA (above)

Items for Future Consideration

18. Merritt Trail (from Geneva to Glendale)

- No change

19. Port Dalhousie East/West Beautification

- No change

20. Gateway Project – St. Paul & Louth

- No change

21. Hydro One Corridor

- No change

22. Oakhill Park

- No change

Other Business

23. Hydro Tree Removal

- M. Harris is willing to facilitate discussion with Horizon
- To be discussed further at next meeting
- Article in St. Catharines Standard:
<http://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/2013/01/17/resident-leads-drive-to-protect-12-mile-trees>

24. Earth Day Events

- Pitch-in Day – Saturday, April 27
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to contact organizer of Fairview Mall event

25. Edible Garden Partnerships

- Discussed importance of connecting people or groups who receive fruit trees with organizations such as Community Care and the Garden of Eating

26. Mansion House – 5 William St.

- Would like to have vines planted at base of Ontario St. garage beside their property
- **Action:** D. Dillon to look into impact of vines on parking structure

27. Casa Leone – 158 Hartzel Rd.

- L. Marcantonio circulated plans and budget
- **Action:** D. Dillon and K. Sullivan to confirm City plans for the adjacent boulevard

28. Green Plan Update

- Should be reviewed with the following questions in mind: How does the committee's mandate differ from RCS'? How do our goals differ? What are we doing differently?
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to circulate Green Plan for Committee to review
- **Action:** R. Tapp and K. Sullivan to review mandates of Green Committee, RCS, and other committees and provide overview to committee

Budget Update

29. Budget Update

- Budget circulated via email
- No changes

Adjournment: 7:15

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2013
5:00pm
Committee Room #1