

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Thursday, April 08, 2021

Electronic participation at 4pm

Attendance:

Councillor Bruce Williamson, Chair
Councillor Joe Kushner
Dick Thomas, Chair Green Advisory Committee
Jonathan Belgrave, Chair Clean City Advisory Committee
Darrell Smith, Director of Municipal Works, Vice Chair

Regrets:

Councillor Matt Harris
Heather Salter, Director Legal and Clerks Services

Staff Liaisons:

Julie Hughes, Staff Liaison, Pillar Committee
Dan Cooper, Staff Liaison, Green Advisory Committee
Chris Nye, Staff Liaison, Clean City Advisory Committee

1. Called the meeting to order @ 4:00pm: Councillor Williamson, Chair

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

We acknowledge that the land on which the Environmental 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

n/a

4. Motion to approve the agenda

That the ESC agenda be approved

Moved by: J. Belgrave

Carried

4. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, Feb 25

That staff confirm whether the Green Advisory Committee budget from 2020 is carried over to 2021, prior to approving the Feb 25 minutes

Moved by: D Smith

Carried

6. Presentation

n/a

7. Business arising from the minutes

None

8. Business

8.1 i) Clean City Advisory Committee update~ Chair Jonathan Belgrave

- Given the current Stay at Home order, Earth Week spring clean up plans are amended to be promoted to encourage households only to participate in picking up litter in their neighbourhoods
- City will not provide supplies
- There will be no 20 minute pick up at local school, given schools will be closed from April 19 onwards
- Chair confirms that he is aware of Brock and Niagara College clean up efforts
- Comms is working on a Graffiti Awareness Campaign which will be presented at the next committee meeting
- A committee member will be taking a 3 meeting leave of absence (allowed under advisory committee policies)

Motion to approve the 2021 CCAC Update

That the CCAC update be approved

Moved by: J. Kushner

Carried

8.1 ii) Recruitment of new member

Motion to go in camera

That the ESC go in camera to discuss identifiable individuals

Moved by: J Belgrave

Carried

IN CAMERA session

Motion arising from in camera session

That the individual identified in camera be recommended for membership on the Clean City Advisory Committee

Moved by: J. Belgrave

Carried

8.2 Green Advisory Committee update~ Chair Dick Thomas

- 75 pots were ordered for the Flower Pot program. 56 have been purchased by businesses with 10 other orders pending for PDBW
- City staff are dropping off brochures for the Garden at Home program to residents at Old Pine Trail complex
- Catharine St. Park Community Garden land use agreement is being finalized by staff. The funding has been approved.
- Community Garden application deadline is extended this year

Motion to approve the GAC update

That the GAC update be approved

Moved by: D Smith

Carried

9. Other business

- none

10. Dates of next meeting:

- Thursday Jul 15, 4pm to 5pm
- Thursday Oct 21, 4pm to 5pm
- Or at the call of the Chair

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Environmental Sustainability Committee adjourn at 5pm

Moved by: J. Belgrave
Carried