



GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

5:09 to 7:15PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Present: Tony Di Paola, David Haywood, Matt Holley, Mark Jemison, James McWilliam, Jesse Matthews, Lou Marcantonio, John Sheehan, Councillor Jennie Stevens

Staff: Dan Dillon, Kristen Sullivan, Rick Tapp

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm with 9 members in attendance

Review of minutes from February 13, 2013

- Motion to approve Minutes – M. Holley
- Seconded – D. Haywood
 - Carried

Correspondence

1. Clean City Committee

- Will be in attendance at the Earth Day activities at Fairview Mall on Monday April 22
- Holding the 2013 Mayor's Clean Sweep on April 24th at 11:00am at St. Denis Catholic School and welcome the Green Committee to participate
- Encourage the Green Committee to participate in the Pitch-In Week clean-ups again in 2013.

Current Project Update

1. Niagara West Train Station Revitalization

- Motion to remove funds from project at May 2013 meeting if no progress is made, if movement on project then project can be reconsidered – D. Haywood
- Seconded – T. Di Paola
- Vote: 6 in favour
 - Carried

2. North Pearson Park Arboretum

- J. Sheehan provided updated list of tree sizes from Landcare Niagara with recommendations of 2 Hackberrys and 2 Bitternut Hickory
- Opportunity for Committee to plant trees rather than contract out
- **Action:** Committee planting date scheduled through email
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to look into hose available at Pearson park

3. Geneva/406 Naturalization

- Contractor to replace trees in the Spring
- **Action:** Need clarification on planting location of butterfly bushes for City mowing schedule

4. Tree Give-Away Contest Planting

- Contest closes April 30 – will be promoted at Earth Day event at Fairview Mall
- K. Sullivan has posted contest on the website and will be on City Facebook page soon

5. 70 Duncan Drive Tree Planting

- **Action:** J. McWilliam to schedule soil testing through email

6. Green Committee Literature

- **Action:** M. Holley to provide quotes before Earth day

7. Johansson's Bar

- St. Catharines Horticultural Society to donate \$2,000 with opportunity for an additional \$3,000 after further fundraising
- D. Haywood to attend Merritt Lions and Lioness meeting March 13
- J. McWilliam provided new design and updated budget
- Motion to allocate \$10,000 from 2013 budget to Johansson's Bar Project – D. Haywood
- Seconded – M. Holley
 - Vote – Carried
- **Action:** J. McWilliam to email updated design and budget to Committee
- **Action:** J. Stevens and D. Haywood to meet to discuss partnership opportunities with the Legion and Monument organization, and Federal grant availability

8. Entrance to the City Greening – Merritt/Ormond

- **Action:** K. Sullivan to have date of planting for next meeting

9. Earth Day Events

- Event at Fairview Mall, Monday April 22 from 4:00-8:00pm with City staff, Clean City Committee and others
- K. Sullivan provided new local tree seedling source (St. William's Nursery) who provide greater seedling variety for \$2.60 a tree
- Motion for 100 trees (mixed variety) to be purchased for Earth Day – M. Holley
- Seconded – J. Sheehan
 - Vote – Carried

2013 Project Proposals

10. Flower Pot Program

- \$85 for one or \$160 for two, 70 available for sale to businesses

11. Flat Iron Garden – Welland/Welland Vale

- No movement

12. Glendale Avenue Gateway – Glenadale/Welland Canals Parkway

- No movement

13.88 Queenston

- No urgency on project, budgets have been provided

14.62 St. Paul St. West

- Defer to next meeting
- **Action:** L. Marcantonio to redistribute plans

15. Revitalization of Past Committee Projects

- **Action:** Committee members to visit in preparation of discussion in April

16. Landmark Building – 43 Church St

- Discussion of Committee involvement and budgets for private property Committee projects
- Motion to set precedent of Committee involvement of up to \$4,000 or 50% of budget for private projects – M. Holley
- Seconded – T. Di Paulo
- Vote deferred to next meeting
- **Action:** Committee to vote on private property budget limits

17. Water Protection for 2013

- Water protection will be now be a consideration for each project
- Remove from project list

18. Lake Street Reconstruction

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

19. Casa Leone – 158 Hartzel Rd.

- **Action:** L. Marcantonio to speak with property owner

20. Canopy For Kids (NPCA)

- **Action:** D. Haywood to receive more feedback from NPCA contact following March Break

Items for Future Consideration

21. Merritt Trail (from Geneva to Glendale)

- No movement

22. Port Dalhousie East/West Beautification

- No movement

23. Gateway Project – St. Paul & Louth

- No movement

24. Hydro One Corridor

- No movement

25. Oakhill Park

- No movement

Other Business

26. 12 Mile Utility Ecosystem Opportunity Committee

- Formed in regards to tree removal along Hydro corridors on 12 Mile Creek
- Committee is looking into smaller scale naturalization projects because of Hydro One's limitations on the planting of larger trees

27. Edible Garden Partnerships

- J. Matthews interested in investigating fruit tree and edible garden projects and partnerships
- **Action:** M. Jemison to provide J. Matthews with minutes from March 2012 when the Garden of Eating Niagara was a Committee guest

28. Mansion House

- Interested in vine plantings on adjacent parking lot
- **Action:** D. Dillon to look into impact of vines on parking structure

Potential Projects

29. Memorial Cenotaph

- City plans to update and revitalize, plan will be available soon

30. Friends of Laura Secord Trail

- Walk in June commemorating Laura Secord's travel, including over a new bridge located in Shorthills Provincial Park
- Organization has fundraised \$80,000 and are involved with Rankin Construction, but require budget to plant 180 trees
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to provide budget and project timeline

Budget Update

31. Budget Update

- Budget circulated via email

- No changes

Adjournment: 7:15

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2013
5:00pm
Committee Room #1