

# Environmental Sustainability Committee

## Minutes

**Wednesday, August 18, 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  
Heather Salter, Director Legal and Clerks Services

### **Regrets:**

Councillor Matt Harris  
Darrell Smith, Director of Municipal Works, Vice Chair

### **Guest:**

Eric Lamothe, Manager of Business Planning and Strategic Services, CRCS

### **Staff Liaisons:**

Julie Hughes, Staff Liaison, Pillar Committee  
Tony DiLeo, Staff Liaison, Green Advisory Committee

### **Regrets:**

Rocco Ditto, Staff Liaison, Clean City Advisory Committee

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#### **1. Called the meeting to order @ 4:07pm: Councillor Williamson, Chair**

- Welcome to Eric Lamothe, Manager of Business Planning  
And Strategic Services, CRCS

Welcome to new staff liaisons for the advisory committees:

Tony DiLeo ~ Green Advisory Committee

Rocco Ditto ~ Clean City Advisory Committee (not able to attend)

#### **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:** D. Thomas  
**Carried**

**5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, April 8, 2021**

*That the April 8 ESC minutes be approved*

**Moved by:** J. Kushner  
**Carried**

**6. Any declarations of interest?**

- none

**7. Presentation**

- n/a

**8. Business arising from the minutes**

- None

**9. Business:**

**9.1 Green Advisory Committee update~ Chair Dick Thomas**

- Eric Lamothe presented a 2021 update
  - i) **Community Garden Capital Cost**  
City or private lands  
3 projects approved with matching funding  
Budget: \$8,000                      Allocated: \$4,854.50

ii) **Community Garden Enhancement (new)**

City owned property

2 projects approved, no matching funding required

Budget: \$5,000                      Allocated \$8,130.63

iii) **Community Garden Incubator (new)**

Partnership between GAC and a community group

City owned land, matching funding

1 project, Fitzgerald Community Garden

Budget: \$18,500                      Allocated: not yet determined

iv) **Garden at Home Program**

50 garden kits for residents distributed

Budget: \$6,500                      Allocated: \$3,500

v) **Flower Pot Program**

75 purchased and 72 sold to private sector

Budget: \$38,000                      Allocated: \$36,218.88

**TOTAL Budget \$38,000                      Allocated \$36,218.88**

vi) **Environmentally Friendly hanging baskets**

25 baskets were privately sponsored for Port Dalhousie and Merritton

Staff will include funding in the draft 2022 capital budget for a 3 year phased in conversion process

- Chair Thomas advises that GAC is reviewing the threat of the gypsy moth and working on the 2022 workplan and budget

**Motion to approve the Green Advisory Committee update**

*That the Green Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** J. Belgrave

**Carried**

**9.2 i) Clean City Advisory Committee update ~ Chair Jonathan Belgrave**

- Fall clean up scheduled for week of Sept 19-25
- Working with staff on the logistics to support community groups (supplies, pick up locations etc) to take part in neighbourhood clean ups
- Email for CCAC being set up to enhance two way communication
- Light and noise pollution survey underway

## **Motion to approve the Clean City Advisory Committee update**

*That the Clean City Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** D. Thomas  
**Carried**

## **9.2 ii) Recruitment of new member**

### **Motion to go in camera**

*That the ESC go in camera to discuss identifiable individuals*

**Moved by:**  
**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**

## **10. Other business**

- J. Kushner asks for clarification on what/if any relationship does the St. Catharines Environment Alliance have with the Green Advisory Committee
- D Thomas confirms that the Green Advisory Committee has several partnerships with formal lines of communication established to community groups (eg Friends of Malcolmson)
- A similar relationship can be established with the St. Catharines Environment Alliance

## **11. Dates of next meeting:**

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

## **12. Motion to Adjourn**

*That the Environmental Sustainability Committee adjourn at 4:57pm*

**Moved by:** D. Thomas  
**Carried**