

Minutes

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Electronic Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mike Anderson, Steve Holmes, Peter Howes, Brenda Boonzaijer, Brandy Fulton, Edward Anyan, Dorothy Moszynski

Absent: Daya Lye

Guests: Councillor Williamson, Councillor Kushner

Staff Liaison: Tony DiLeo, Karen Primmer

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Chair Fulton acknowledged that the land on which the Green Advisory 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. Amendments to the Agenda

Add: Grass Trimming within city parks

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Mike Anderson

That the Green Advisory Committee agenda for August 17, 2022 be approved, as amended.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Dorothy Moszynski

That the Green Advisory Committee minutes from the previous meeting be approved.

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

7. Presentations (invited guests)

8. Business arising from the minutes

9. Business

9.1 Spongy Moths

Committee member would like for the city to have a threat assessment done to determine risks associated and will report back with response

9.2 No Mow May

Staff have indicated that residents would have various concerns and the city is not equipped to address the amount of grass that would require mowing. GAC would like to move forward with No Mow May on a smaller scale. Committee to draft a letter to present to council.

9.3 Gator Bags

Member concerned gator bags do not appear to be utilized properly. Committee would like an update from staff regarding the use and progress of gator bags. Member suggests abandoning Gator Bag program and opt for mulching instead.

9.4 Links For Greener Learning

Committee will revisit opportunity to support efforts in the 2023 budget.

9.5 Grass trimming within city parks

Concern for maintenance practices in and around trees is deferred until next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Dorothy Moszynski

That being there are no further items of business, this meeting is adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Carried