

## Draft Minutes ESC

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

**Electronic participation at 4pm**

### **Attendance:**

Councillor Bruce Williamson, Chair  
Councillor Joe Kushner  
Brandy Fulton, Chair Green Advisory Committee  
Jonathan Belgrave, Chair Clean City Advisory Committee  
Sandor Csanyi, Acting Director Legal and Clerks Services

### **Regrets:**

Councillor Matt Harris  
Director Darrell Smith, Vice Chair

### **Staff Liaisons:**

Julie Hughes, Staff Liaison, Pillar Committee

### **Regrets:**

Rocco Ditto, Staff Liaison, Clean City Advisory Committee  
Tony DiLeo, Staff Liaison, Green Advisory Committee

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**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. Kushner  
**CARRIED**

5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, June 15, 2022**

*That the June 15th ESC minutes be approved*

**Moved by:** J. Belgrave  
**CARRIED**

6. **Any declarations of interest?**

- none

7. **Presentation**

- none

8. **Business arising from the minutes?**

- none

9. **Business:**

- 9.1 **Green Advisory Committee update~** Chair Brandy Fulton

- Much discussion has been held on tree protection; the support and fostering the growth of the tree canopy in St. Catharines
- Members are asking City staff to report on the potential risk of the spongy moth
- No mow May program discussed in relation to City properties
- Members to update Council with some ideas in a letter to Council
- Naturalization of some City sites to be discussed during next term of Council

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

*That the Green Advisory Committee Annual Report update be received*

**Moved by** J. Kushner  
**CARRIED**

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

- Two movie nights were held this summer: Aug 23 at Rennie Park and Sept 2 at Catharine Street Park
- Marketing materials (flag banners, reusable produce bags and seed bombs) were created to be used as way finders (banner) and promotional give aways
- Summer Intern from Niagara College conducted an environmental assessment of work of the Clean City Advisory committee within the context of the community
- Those findings will be presented at next meeting
- The Fall Shoreline clean up was cancelled as the clean up supplies have not been received
- The committee is encouraging privately organized clean ups

**Motion to accept the Clean City Advisory Committee update**

*That the Clean City Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** S. Csanyi

**CARRIED**

**10. Other business:**

- Councillor Kusher requests information on the City's Fall tree planting and how many trees will be planted this fall
- ESC Staff Liaison will inquire with CRCS Staff and notify the ESC committee

**11. Dates of next meeting:**

- New term of council

**12. Motion to Adjourn**

*That the Environmental Sustainability Committee adjourn at 4:18pm*

**Moved by:** J. Kushner

**CARRIED**