

The Park in the City Committee

4:30 p.m. - Wednesday, February 12, 2020

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Janet Hassall, Michal Lukac, Frank Fohr, John Anstruther, Audrey Fraser, Carly Milani, Sheila Deluca, Tom Mingle, John Brucato, Dan Cicchino, Paisley January-Pool, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff)

Regrets:

None

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) *October 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, second by Frank Fohr that the minutes of the October 9, 2019 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising from October 9, 2019 meeting

a) *Curbside Give-A-Way Event*

The Committee reviewed other Curbside Give-A-Way schedules throughout Ontario to determine an ideal time to conduct the event in Niagara Falls. It was agreed to host the Niagara Falls Curbside Give-A-Way event on Saturday, October 24, 2020. Sheila Deluca and Michal Lukac will both take the lead with this event and will conduct an announcement of the event at City Council on Tuesday, October 6. The 2020 Fall Community Clean Sweep will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm starting at Oakes Park.

b) *NS & T Line Trail*

Staff brought forward detail on projected costing and time frames that were considered for design and construction for the NS & T Line Trail, which was not approved in the 2020 Capital Budget.

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, second by Frank Fohr that the Park in the City Committee supports the design work for the entire NS & T Trail to be completed in 2020.

Motion Carried

Staff were directed to resend the 2019 Park in the City Committee NS & T Line Trail support letter to Municipal Works Staff (attachment #1).

3. Events & Programs

a) *2020 Tentative Park in the City Committee event and program dates*

The Committee received a schedule of events for 2020. As outstanding grant requests are confirmed, other event dates will be added.

b) Niagara Falls Mother Earth Day

Staff gave an overview on the progression of the event, including a review of confirmed demonstrators, vendors, entertainers, food and beverage items and children and family activities. Details are currently posted on the event website www.motherearthday.ca.

The Committee agreed to partner with Project SHARE to collect food from participants at the entrance of the event in lieu of a complimentary food voucher pass. Staff indicated that Committee members are encouraged to help volunteer for the duration of the event.

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, second by Sheila Deluca that the Park in the City Committee directs Staff to ensure that all food items at the Niagara Falls Mother Earth Day event are priced at fair market value.

Motion Carried

4. New Business

a) *Proposed Memorial Tree*

Finance Staff have indicated they would like to purchase a memorial tree in honour of the late Alex Luey, son to Staff Member Catharine Luey. The tree is to be planted along the boulevard, in front of the Gale Centre in the Fall of 2020. Staff are to report to the Committee when the tree planting will take place.

b) *C40 Initiative*

Staff forward the Committee information on the C40 initiative that was sent earlier by Frank Fohr. The Committee was requested to review the information prior to the meeting in preparation for discussion.

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Michal Lukac that the Park in the City Committee requests that the City of Niagara Falls recognize that we are facing a climate emergency that needs people at all levels of society to take responsibility. That Staff of the City of Niagara Falls examine successful schemes in other cities in order to develop a local plan to reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions with the ultimate long-term goal of achieving net zero carbon emissions. This plan would involve actions by the City itself as well as working in collaboration with local business leaders. That the Park in the City Committee collaborate with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee to bring forward a report to Council in regard to the C40 Climate Change initiative.

Motion Carried

Staff are requested to reach out to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee to collaborate on a presentation to be conducted at the Tuesday, April 21 City Council meeting on the subject. Frank Fohr will lead the presentation representing the Park in the City Committee.

c) *Tree Inventory*

Staff indicated that Municipal Works Staff is currently preparing a report for City Council that includes information involving the status of the existing tree inventory program. Municipal Works Staff will request to speak to the Committee at a later date prior to submitting the report to City Council.

d) Millennium Recreational Trail

Staff provided an update on time lines for construction of the Millennium Recreational Trail, section 5. The Committee requests that Staff make a presentation on the next phase of the Millennium Recreational Trail at a future meeting.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 4:30 pm at MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.

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