

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, April 18, 2018

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Audrey Fraser, Curtis Thompson, Pat Mascarin, Paisley Janvary-Pool, John Anstruther, Michal Lukac, Councillor Mike Strange, Janet Hassall, Frank Fohr, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff), David Antonsen (Staff)

Regrets:

Corey Barkman, Kenneth Groves, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo

1. Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from March 21, 2018.

IT WAS MOVED BY John Anstruther, second by Pat Mascarin, that the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2018 be approved as written.

Motion Carried.

2. Business Arising from Minutes of March 21, 2018

a) *Levels of Fines*

By-Law Staff have indicated that there are no levels of fines that are issues for infractions through the Parks By-Law. Fines can vary due to the infraction.

3. Events & Programs

a) *Arbour Day*

Audrey, Pat, Janet will volunteer and John will MC.

b) *Tree Seedling Sales Day*

Pat, Audrey, Janet and Mike will volunteer at the event.

c) *Community Clean Sweep Day*

John, Mike, Janet, Audrey and Pat will volunteer at the event.

d) *Ride of Silence Bicycle Event*

John, Mike, Frank, Audrey and Pat will volunteer at the event. Councillor Mike Strange will MC.

4. New Business

a) Elizabeth Manker

The committee was sympathetic to the passing of long-time Park in the City Committee member Elizabeth “Betty Lou” Manker, who passed away on Sunday, April 8, 2018. The committee will install a commemorative plaque during the Arbour Day tree planting at Fernwood Trail.

b) Seed Bomb Day

Staff are coordinating a sunflower seed bomb event at Fairview Cemetery on Wednesday, May 23 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Schools involved will be Westlane Secondary School, Forestview Elementary and St. Mary Catholic Elementary. The event will be led by Small Scale Farms.

c) Multiple Playground Openings

Playground opening will take place on Saturday, June 9 starting at 10:00 am. Parks included will be Prince Edward Park, Stamford Lions Park, Fitness Equipment at the Niagara Falls Lions Legacy Pathway and Glenview Park.

d) Bee City Designation

The City of Niagara Falls will be designated a Bee City on Friday, June 15 at Fairview Cemetery starting at 1:00 pm.

e) George Bukator Trail Grand Opening

The trail opening will take place Friday, June 22, 2018 starting at 3:00 pm.

f) CN EcoConnexions and TD Tree Days Grants

Staff have submitted grants to help reforest Patrick Cummings Park and George Bukator Park. Notification of successful applicants will be mid-summer, 2018.

g) Trees

Discussion took place regarding the amount of trees that are being removed throughout the city. Staff are to enquire if policy is in affect for replacing trees once they have been removed (3 planted trees for every 1 removed).

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Firemen’s Park.