

The Park in the City Committee

1:30 p.m. - Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Virtual Online Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

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

Regrets:

John Brucato, Dan Cicchino, Janet Hassall

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) *March 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Pat Mascarin that the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising from March 11, 2020 meeting

a) *Climate Change Report*

The Climate Change report was deferred from the Council meeting in April and will be presented during the September 15 Council meeting. Frank Fohr will lead the presentation with members of MYAC.

3. Events & Programs

a) *Niagara Falls Mother Earth Day*

The committee decided to postpone the Mother Earth Day event to Saturday, May 29, 2021. Staff are to confirm that Firemen's Park is available for this new date in 2021. Staff will also connect with existing sponsors, vendors and demonstrators to determine who will be available to participate in 2021. The committee has requested staff to determine if any 2020 sponsorship funding can be carried over into 2021.

b) *Niagara Falls Schools In Bloom*

The Niagara Falls Schools In Bloom program is cancelled for 2020. Participating schools will be contacted by staff to determine if they can participate in 2021. The theme for 2021 will be pollinator gardens. The 4 successful school applicants are Forestview Public School, Greendale Public School, Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School and Simcoe Street Public School.

c) *Niagara Falls Summer Trillium*

The program will continue for 2020 with alterations. Staff will take pictures of each nominated property and then display them privately online for the sub-committee to complete the assessment process. The awards

ceremony is cancelled in lieu of an online recognition video. Award winners can acquire their awards at the MacBain Community Centre during business hours once they are available.

d) *Fall 2020 Events*

The committee members and staff involved with the new Curbside Give-A-Way event will consult with other municipalities to see if they are going to continue with their events in the fall. The Fall Community Clean Sweep event will go on as scheduled for October 17, 2020. Other potential fall events will be evaluated as they arise to determine if they will be conducted.

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, second by Audrey Fraser that staff inquire with the Finance Department to determine if any unused Park in the City budget monies can be utilized to purchase trees for either 2020 or 2021 as needed.

Motion Carried

4. New Business

a) *Online Video Content*

Staff and committee members will be developing online videos for the public to access through the City's website. These videos will include a trail series, gardening tips and a focus on vendors and demonstrators from the Mother Earth Day event.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 1:30 pm online Zoom meeting.