

The Park in the City Committee

1:30 p.m. - Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Virtual Online Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

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

Regrets:

Frank Fohr

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) *May 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY John Anstruther, second by Sheila Deluca that the minutes of the May 13, 2020 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising from March 11, 2020 meeting

a) *Financial Implications for the Park in the City Committee Budget*

It was determined that any sponsorship monies received in 2020 that was to be put towards events and programs will be able to be carried over in 2021.

3. Events & Programs

a) *Online Video Content*

Videos highlighting trails and gardening tips have been developed and posted on the Park in the City Committee's webpage. Future videos highlighting vendors and demonstrators for the Mother Earth Day will be developed by the Rob Golfi Team and then posted on the Mother Earth Day webpage.

b) *Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Program*

To date, there have been 35 nominations with more expected to come. Assessments will take place at the Gale Centre on July 23. Staff will take pictures of each participant prior to the assessment date and will display them on a projector screen for the judges to assess. The Committee has agreed to deliver the awards to all participants. Councillors Pietrangelo and Strange will deliver the awards to the Award of Excellence recipients.

c) *Curbside Give-A-Way*

Staff have reported that a number of municipalities have cancelled their curbside give-a-way events for the 2020 season. The Committee has agreed to move forward with the October 24 event date as well with the Fall Community Clean Sweep that is scheduled for October 17, 2020.

4. Transportation & Trails

a) *Whirlpool Trail and Bridge*

Eric Lallouet conducted a presentation on the new trail and bridge to be constructed along Whirlpool Road. Construction is scheduled for Fall of 2020. Once completed, this section of trail will connect the Millennium Recreational Trail Niagara Falls Lions Pathway to the Niagara River Recreational Trail.

b) *Millennium Recreational Trail*

Work on the Rotary Storywalk Pathway will commence in late June of 2020. The target date to complete construction is early September, 2020. The improvements on the connection between Morrison Street and Drummond Road will start work in the Fall of 2020.

Public meetings for the trail section 2 (from McLeod Road heading south) will tentatively start in late Fall of 2020.

The Cycle Track on Dorchester Road, between Royal Manor Drive and Dorchester Road will be tentatively brought forward to the 2021 capital budget review for Council consideration.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 1:30 pm online Zoom meeting.