

# The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, May 16, 2018

## Firemen's Park Boardroom Minutes of Meeting

### Present:

Audrey Fraser, Pat Mascarin, Michal Lukac, Councillor Mike Strange, Janet Hassall, Frank Fohr, Kenneth Groves, Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

### Regrets:

Corey Barkman, Curtis Thompson, John Anstruther, Paisley January-Pool, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo

## 1. Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from April 18, 2018.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Audrey Fraser, second by Janet Hassall, that the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2018 be approved as written.**

**Motion Carried.**

## 2. Business Arising from Minutes of April 18, 2018

### a) *Tree Budgets*

The City has allocated \$715,000 to help with the removal of Ash trees that pose a danger. To date, three quarters of the budget has been spent. A total of \$67,500 is budgeted for tree planting in 2018 with half of the budget already spent.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by Kenneth Groves, that the Park in the City Committee encourages Council to support an increase in the next budget to support Council's resolution that directs staff to implement a 3 for 1 tree replanting policy (3 trees planted for every 1 tree removed).**

**Motion Carried.**

## 3. Events & Programs

### a) *Arbour Day*

In total, 33 trees were planted along the Fernwood Trail.

### b) *Tree Seedling Sales Day*

Over 800 tree seedlings were sold, doubling the amount sold in 2017.

**c) Community Clean Sweep Day**

A total of 300 people participated. This is the largest turnout for a Clean Sweep event.

**d) Ride of Silence Bicycle Event**

In 2018, there are 34 Canadian locations participating. Ontario will have 7 cities involved.

## **4. New Business**

**a) Fairview Cemetery Garden**

The existing Park in the City Committee memorial garden is in need of repair. Staff will email the committee for their comments and to request approval to spend \$1,500 from the Park in the City Committee Memorial Fund to help restore the garden.

**b) Active Transportation**

The committee is to research the feasibility of hosting a Bike to Work Week campaign in 2019.

**c) Environmental Day**

The committee is to review options of hosting a large Environmental Day next spring. The campaign is to be discussed at the next Park in the City Committee meeting in June.

## **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.