

The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Virtual Online Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Michal Lukac, Frank Fohr, Audrey Fraser, Sheila Deluca, Carly Milani, Dan Cicchino, John Brucato, Tom Mingle, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, James Sticca (Staff), Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff)

Regrets:

Pat Mascarin, Janet Hassall, Paisley Janvary-Pool, John Anstruther, Councillor Mike Strange

1. Welcome

- a) **Niagara Adapts Presentation – James Sticca, City of Niagara Falls Manager of Environmental Services.**

James Sticca presented on the Niagara Adapts initiative that is spearheaded by 7 Niagara municipalities and Brock University. Main outcome is the identification of vulnerable scenarios through analysis of climate data.

2. Adoption of Minutes

- a) ***May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes***

IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by Frank Fohr that the minutes of the May 12, 2021 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

3. Events & Programs

- a) ***Memorial Program***

Staff have connected with all local funeral homes to determine best practices to encourage gift giving to the Park in the City Committee Memorial Program. It was determined that all funeral homes do have contact information for the committee and that it is up to the organization to promote their programs utilizing their own resources.

An additional online memorial tree donation program is being reviewed in partnership with the City of Niagara Falls and Morgan Funeral Home. Once details are finalized, Staff will report back to the committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by John Brucato that staff continue to work with local funeral homes to establish a partnership that will secure online donations for the Park in the City Committee Memorial Fund.

Motion Carried

b) Fall Tree Planting

A fall tree planting will take place on Friday, September 24 starting at 10:00 am along the Millennium Recreational Trail-Niagara Falls Lions Legacy Pathway. \$30,000 in grant monies from CN EcoConnexion and an additional grant fund will be utilized to plant flowering trees along the trail. Volunteers are needed to help plant 30 of these trees.

c) Summer Trillium Awards Update

The date, 59 nominations have been received with an anticipation of over 100 nominations being accepted into the program for 2021. New door hangers promoting the program have been determined to be effective. July 15, staff will take pictures of each participating property with the assessment date scheduled for July 22 at the MacBain Community Centre.

4. Transportation and Trails

a) Millennium Recreational Trail – Whirlpool Connection Update

The bridge installation that will connect the Niagara River Recreational Trail to the Lions Legacy Pathway is scheduled for completion by the end of June. Staff have indicated that the path should be reopened by the beginning of July.

5. New Business

a) Elizabeth Manker Plaque - Discussion

Staff have notified the committee that the memorial plaque purchased by the committee in honour of the late Elizabeth Manker (past PIRC member) has been stolen. Staff recommend going forward, all memorial recognition markers for tree plantings should follow existing City of Niagara Falls Tree and Bench Program specifications.

IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by John Brucato that the Park in the City Committee follow similar marker specifications as set out in the City's Tree and Bench Program. Any additional marker requests will be the responsibility of the donor/inquirer.

Motion Carried

b) Cycling Initiative

Sheila Deluca and Michal Lukac have volunteered to form a discussion group with Staff to determine a strategy to help promote cycling during the month of September. Meeting date to follow.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 3:00 pm online Zoom meeting.