

# The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 8, 2022

## MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Present:

Pat Mascarin, Audrey Fraser, Frank Fohr, Sheila Deluca, John Brucato, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jason Burgess (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff), Beth Angle (Staff), Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

#### Regrets:

Janet Hassall, Carly Milani, Tom Mingle, Michal Lukac, John Anstruther, Dan Cicchino

## 1. Adoption of Minutes

### a) *May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Pat Mascarin that the minutes of the May 11, 2022 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

## 2. Welcome

### a) *Jason Burgess – Tree Initiatives*

Jason indicated that the annual tree budget will be increased in the coming year. Goal is to meet a 30% tree canopy coverage within the City of Niagara Falls in the near future. Other pilot projects are currently being evaluated.

## 3. Events & Programs

### a) *Mother Earth Day Particulars*

Requesting that members volunteer for the up-coming event if they haven't already signed up for a task. Currently, 71 vendors have registered for the event. All event particulars are within budget.

### b) *Memorial Program Online Donations*

Residents are now able to complete an online donation to the Park in the City Committee Memorial Fund. The minimum online donation is \$10.00. The local funeral homes will be notified of this option.

### c) *Summer Trillium Awards - Update*

The program was launched on June 1, 2022. To date, 42 properties have registered to participate. Photos will be taken of each property on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Assessments will be conducted at the MacBain Community Centre on July 28, 2022. The awards ceremony is scheduled to take place on September 14, 2022 at the Ramada Plaza.

## **4. Transportation and Trails**

### **a) *New Trail Opening***

The new section of the Millennium Recreational Trail, named the Dr. Henry G. Acres Pathway is scheduled to be completed by the end of June, 2022. A planned grand opening for the pathway will be conducted on September 10, 2022.

## **5. New Business**

### **a) *Volunteer Recognition Event***

All members were advised to indicate if they have interest in helping to plan the up-coming Volunteer Recognition Awards event that will take place on November 7, 2022.

### **b) *September Meeting Planning***

Staff have requested that the Committee Members participate in a survey to help plan for the next Park in the City Committee term of Council agenda. Members are to submit answers prior to August 12, 2022.

## **6. Adjournment**

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

## **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 3:00 pm, MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.