

# The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, September 13, 2017

## MacBain Community Centre Boardroom Minutes of Meeting

### Present:

Audrey Fraser, Pat Mascarin, Paisley January-Pool, Janet Hassall, Frank Fohr, John Anstruther, Elizabeth Manker, Michal Lukac, Corey Barkman, Kenneth Groves, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff).

### Regrets:

Curtis Thompson

## 1. Welcome

### a) *Guest Speaker - Renee Delaney, The Niagara Farm Project*

Renee Delaney gave a presentation advocating for the installation of pollinator gardens and the importance of bees in our community. Renee requested that the City of Niagara Falls consider becoming an official Bee City. An invitation was also extended to the committee to attend an environmental forum at Brock University on October 29. Staff will follow-up in regard to the Bee City application and will send Renee a Schools In Bloom package for consideration of creating a partnership.

### b) *Guest Speaker – Ken Beaman, City of Niagara Falls Solicitor*

Ken Beaman reviewed the potential sale of park land, located along the NS & T Line in behind Sheldon Avenue. The committee debated the proposed sale with guests, who attended the meeting adding input.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, second by Janet Hassall, that the Park in the City Committee do not support the proposed sale of park land along the NS&T Line in behind Sheldon Avenue.**

**Motion Carried.**

## 2. Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from May 17, 2017.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, second by Frank Fohr, that the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2017 be approved as written.**

**Motion Carried.**

### **3. Business Arising from Minutes of May 17, 2017**

**a) *Active Transportation Niagara Network***

Through Staff, Curtis Thompson requested committee members with an interested to join the Active Transportation Niagara Network to come forward and indicate their intentions to join.

**b) *Environment Award***

Staff requested the committee to choose an Environment Award winner for 2017.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Pat Mascarin, second by Janet Hassall, to award both the Niagara Falls Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise the Environment Award for 2017.**

**Motion Carried.**

**c) *Tree Inventory Presentation***

Staff indicated to the committee that the Municipal Works Street Tree Inventory program presentation will be delayed to the November 15 committee meeting.

**d) *School Tree Policies***

Staff followed-up with both the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board in regard to existing internal tree policies. Neither board currently has an active tree policy.

**e) *George Bukator Trail***

The 2.4 km George Bukator stone-dust trail has been approved for construction by Council. Staff indicated the existing wetlands in the area will not be disturbed during construction.

### **4. Events & Programs**

**a) *Up-coming Fall Schedule***

All committee members are invited to attend the following scheduled Fall events:

- Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Awards, September 20, 6:30pm, Ramada Plaza Lundy's Lane.
- Chester Murawski Memorial Tree Planting, September 22, 1:30pm, Greendale School.
- Green Burial Grand Opening, September 23, 1:30pm, Fairview Cemetery.
- Westlane Community Garden Harvest Fest, October 11, 12:30pm, Westlane School.
- Mitchelson Park Turf Field Grand Opening, October 13, 11:00am, Mitchelson Park.
- Fall Community Clean Sweep, October 14, 10:00am, Oakes Park.

### **5. Transportation and Trails**

**a) *Millennium Recreational Trail, Section 5***

Staff indicated current time lines for the development of section 5. Staff will set-up a trail walk along the proposed section 5 with the committee.

## **6. New Business**

a) ***Proposed Name Change for the Park in the City Committee***  
Deferred to next meeting.

b) ***Extension of Number of Meetings for 2018***

**IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Kenneth Groves that the Park in the City Committee schedule a minimum of 8 meetings in 2018.**

**Motion Carried.**

c) ***Signs along Trails***

Staff to follow-up to see if there is adequate signage at the existing trails that notify the public that motorized vehicles are prohibited.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre.

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