

# The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, November 30, 2016

## MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

### Minutes of Meeting

#### **Present:**

John Anstruther, Corey Barkman, Audrey Fraser, Curtis Thompson, Pat Mascarin, Paisley January-Pool, Frank Fohr, Kenneth Groves, Janet Hassall, Elizabeth Manker, Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

#### **Regrets:**

Brenda Hicks, Michal Lukac

### **1. Adoption of Minutes**

The Park in the City Committee minutes from September 21, 2016.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Kenneth Groves, second by Elizabeth Manker, that the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2016 be approved as written. Motion Carried.**

### **2. Events & Programs**

#### **a) Events Re-cap for 2016**

The committee was made aware of the 2016 event/program accomplishments. Highlights included the planting of over 1,000 trees, \$34,500 in grants/donations procured, 19 events held, 112 awards distributed, over 6,000 flowers planted or given away and 1,631 of volunteer service hours completed.

It was noted that achievements should be published in the next Earth Week. This is to help promote the committee. Curtis and Kenneth are to write a feature on the benefits of cycling to also be included in the Earth Week insert.

#### **b) Event Changes**

Staff is waiting on approval to have event fees waived by the Niagara Parks Commission in order to host the Ride of Silence event along the Niagara Parkway.

The September, 2017 committee meeting is changed to September 13. The Summer Trillium Awards are scheduled for Wednesday, September 20.

The January, 2017 committee meeting is changed to January 11.

#### **c) Green Burial Project**

The City was approved for a \$25,000 CN EcoConnexion grant to help develop a green burial site at Fairview Cemetery. A volunteer tree planting event will take place on Friday, September 29. Staff will make a presentation on the project at the January, 2017 meeting.

### **3. Awards and Grants**

#### **a) Grants**

Grants have been submitted for the following for 2017:

- CN EcoConnexion - \$25,000
- Niagara Community Foundation - \$5,500
- TD Tree Days – TBD

Other monetary fund raising requests have been sent to NPEI, Meridian Credit Union, Niagara Falls Horticultural Society, Walker Industries, OPG, Niagara Falls Rotary Sunrise, Fallsview Casino Resort and ReMax Realty.

### **4. New Business**

#### **a) Committee Participation**

It was noted that all members are to make every effort to attend committee meetings and events. If absence is frequent, Staff are to send a letter to members that requests members to reaffirm their commitment.

### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.