

# The Park in the City Committee

4:30 p.m. - Wednesday, October 9, 2019

## MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Present:

Pat Mascarin, Janet Hassall, Michal Lukac, Frank Fohr, John Anstruther, Audrey Fraser, Carly Milani, Sheila Deluca, Tom Mingle, Frank Fohr, John Brucato, Dan Cicchino, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

#### Regrets:

Paisley January-Pool

### 1. Adoption of Minutes

#### a) *September 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY John Anstruther, second by Sheila Deluca that the minutes of the September 11, 2019 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

### 2. Business Arising from June 12, 2019 meeting

#### a) *Schools in Bloom Program*

It was decided by the committee to alter the program format for 2020. The program is to follow the format as outlined in the meeting presentation with an adjustment to the amount of schools accepted in the program set to 5 schools in total annually.

#### b) *Curbside Give-A-Way Program*

The Committee will proceed with the program in 2020. Staff will report on dates that other municipalities are hosting curbside give-a-ways at the November meeting. Mike Lukac will lead the event.

### 3. Events & Programs

#### a) *Recent Committee Events*

- Summer Trillium Program – Received 123 nominations with 56 returning from 2018. 54% were new entries. Comments were to reduce the food quantity and options at the ceremony and request that the event sponsors split any future hall rental costs.
- Fall Community Clean Sweep Day – 182 people participated in the event.
- TD Green Space Tree Planting event – 50 people participated to help plant 450 trees/shrubs at Fairview Cemetery. It was suggested to look at planting more White Oaks, Hop-Hornbeam and Cucumber trees at future events.

**b) Up-coming Tree Planting Event**

- TD Green Space event will take place at Firemen's Park on Friday, October 18 starting at 10:00 am. All Committee members were encouraged to attend.

**c) Mother Earth Day Sub-Committee Report, Michal Lukac**

The next sub-committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 20 at the MacBain Community Centre Boardroom starting at 10:00 am. The committee suggested looking into a logo competition to encourage more youth participation. The Culture Committee will be contacted to see if they would like to lead this initiative.

**d) Environment Award**

**IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Pat Mascarin that the Park in the City Committee select Hornblower Niagara Cruises as the 2019 Environment Award recipient.**

**Motion Carried**

## **4. Transportation and Trails**

**a) NS & T Line Trail**

Staff were requested to report back on details of the different phase installations.

**b) Millennium Recreational Trail**

Restoration of the Paisley January-Pool section will be completed by October 30, 2019. The Lions Legacy section is currently open. The Rotary section will commence construction in the spring of 2020.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Mike Lukac that the Park in the City Committee supports an extension of multi-use asphalt trail from the Millennium Recreational Trail-Niagara Falls Lions Legacy Pathway to Church's Lane.**

**Motion Carried**

## **5. New Business**

**a) Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee (GNCR)**

Staff have requested that a Park in the City Committee member represent the City of Niagara Falls on the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee. UPDATE: Councillor Wayne Campbell will represent the City of Niagara Falls on the GNCR Committee

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 4:30 pm at MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.