



# MINUTES

## Environmental Action Committee Meeting

4:30 PM - Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
MacBain Community Centre - Boardroom

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The Environmental Action Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was called to order on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 4:30 PM, in the MacBain Community Centre - Boardroom, with the following members present:

- PRESENT:** Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Sheila DeLuca, Aniko Bzdyl, Paisley January-Pool, John Brucato, Jennifer Baldinelli, Frank Fohr, Paul Bongers, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Patricia Mascarin, Pat Futino, John Morocco, and Tina Overstrom
- EXCUSED:** John Anstruther, Carly Milani, and Thomas Mingle
- STAFF:** Jeff Guarasci, Community Development Coordinator and Kathy Moldenhauer, General Manager of Recreation, Culture & Facilities

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

### 2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Committee minutes of June 14, 2023

Moved by Aniko Bzdyl  
Seconded by Frank Fohr

That the minutes of June 14, 2023 are approved as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

### 3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

### 4 BUSINESS ARISING

- a) Links to Greener Learning Community Garden

Yaneth Londono, Executive Director of Links to Greener Learning indicated that the new community garden at the MacBain Community Centre will be targeted to start construction between April 1 to 15, 2024. Depending on weather, they may schedule the initial construction date for Saturday, April 9, 2024.

- b) Committee T-Shirts

Both the Recreation Committee and the Environmental Action Committee will receive their new committee t-shirts at the beginning of October, 2023.

## **5 EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

### a) Summer Trillium Awards

Over 135 residents to participate in the program for 2023, which is the most ever in any year. Over 55% of registrants were self-nominated properties. Staff recommend to continue hosting the ending Awards Ceremony at the Gale Arena - Memorial Room in future years

### b) Volunteer activity for remaining 2023 events

- TD Tree Days - Saturday, September 23, 2023, Mewburn Park from 9am to 11am.
- OLG Cheque Presentation - Wednesday, October 4, 2023, Firemen's Park from 2pm to 3pm.
- Enbridge Tree Planting - Friday, October 6, 2023, Royal Manor Park from 10am to 12pm.
- Curbside Give-A-Way - Saturday, October 21, 2023, various locations from 7am to 5pm.
- Fall Community Clean-Up - Saturday, October 28, 2023, MacBain Community Centre from 10am to 12pm.
- Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony - Monday, November 13, 2023, Gale Centre Arena - Memorial Room from 6pm to 8:30pm.

## **6 NEW BUSINESS**

### a) Community Garden examples

John Morocco presented pictures of operations from a community garden located in Eleebana, Australia.

## **7 NEXT MEETING**

### a) October 18, 2023

## **8 ADJOURNMENT**

### a) That the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 PM

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Chair

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Staff Liaison