

# The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, January 13, 2021

## Virtual Online Meeting

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Present:

Frank Fohr, Michal Lukac, John Anstruther, Audrey Fraser, Sheila Deluca, Carly Milani, Paisley Janvary-Pool, John Brucato, Tom Mingle, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

#### Regrets:

Janet Hassall, Pat Mascarin, Dan Cicchino

## 1. Adoption of Minutes

#### *a) October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes*

**IT WAS MOVED BY John Anstruther, second by Sheila Deluca that the minutes of the October 14, 2020 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.**

**Motion Carried**

## 2. Events & Programs

#### *a) Tentative 2021 Events & Programs Schedule*

The Committee received the 2021 schedule of events and programs. No changes were made to the schedule.

#### *b) Schools In Bloom*

It was decided that the Schools in Bloom program be postponed an additional year until 2022. Staff are to connect with participating schools to inform them of the decision and to inquire if they are interested in participating next year.

#### *c) September is Bike Month*

Deferred to the March 10, 2021 meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by Carly Milani that Staff consider developing an online app dedicated to promoting the trails systems.**

**Motion Carried**

#### *d) Firemen's Park Memorial Gardens/Walkway*

Staff are currently designing a memorial walkway that will honour youth who have passed away within the Niagara Falls community. The Park in the City Committee will contribute to the project by planting and additional pollinator garden. The timeline for this project has not yet been determined.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by Sheila Deluca that the Park in the City Committee supports the City lease and develop the former landfill site on Mountain Road to become a recreational amenity that would include an intricate trail system.**

**Motion Carried**

### **3. Transportation and Trails**

**a) *Whirlpool Pedestrian Bridge Installation***

The installation of the pedestrian bridge over the hydro canal will take place in May of 2021, weather dependent. The pathway leading to the Niagara River Recreational Trail will be installed at a later date.

**b) *Millennium Recreational Trail Section 5 Grand Opening***

The official opening of the trail is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2021. The event will take place once the Storywalk boards have been installed.

### **4. New Business**

**a) *Gold Box Program***

The Committee discussed options of implementing a program similar to the Gold Box Program that is established in Hamilton.

**b) *Firemen's Park and Oakes Park Anniversaries***

The Committee requested that Staff review options to celebrate the anniversaries for both parks.

### **5. Adjournment**

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

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 3:00 pm online Zoom meeting.