

The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Virtual Online Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Michal Lukac, Frank Fohr, Audrey Fraser, Sheila Deluca, Carly Milani, Paisley January-Pool, John Brucato, John Anstruther, Dan Cicchino, Janet Hassall, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff), Emily Cox (Staff), Clark Bernat (Staff)

Regrets:

Pat Mascarin, Tom Mingle

1. Welcome

a) Clark Bernat – Manager of Museums and Culture – Trail Mix and Park Sculpting Projects

An overview was conducted on a new Trail Mix pilot project. The pilot will include the installation of metal QR code signs placed along the Millennium Recreational Trail that will enable the public to access music performed by local artist while visiting the trail. The QR code signs are scheduled to be installed by the beginning of June, 2021.

A local artist is requesting permission to be able to create sculptures out of clay and trees at Charnwood Park. These artistic displays will all be made organically with materials that are existing at the park.

IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by Audrey Fraser that the Park in the City Committee supports both the Trail Mix and Charnwood Park Sculpting projects.

Motion Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes

a) March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY John Anstruther, second by John Brucato that the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

3. Events & Programs

a) Green Movement Update

To date, over 80 participants and 500 challenges have been conducted through the Green Movement Initiative, which runs until April 22, 2021. Prizes for the initiative will be administered by Staff.

b) Community Clean Sweep

The Committee decided to continue with the May 8th event utilizing the same restrictions and procedures that were used during the previous October, 2020 Community Clean Sweep event. The event will take place during the Provincial lockdown order time frame.

4. Transportation and Trails

a) September is Bike Month

The Committee discussed options to highlight cycling for the up-coming September is Bike Month campaign. A Goose Chase competition will be developed to create awareness for cycling initiatives and cycle safety. An ad-hoc committee will be launched to help develop initiatives that will be included in the Goose Chase competition. Sheila Deluca, Michal Lukac and a member from the Amici Per La Vita Cycling Club will be recruited to help with the program. A preliminary meeting will be scheduled by Staff in late June, 2021.

5. New Business

a) Lyme Disease Awareness Signs

Councillor Mike Strange shared information with the committee on the dangers that ticks could present to the public during the warm weather season, particularly that some ticks can potentially cause Lyme disease to those infected.

IT WAS MOVED by Paisley Janvary-Pool, second by Michal Lukac that the Park in the City Committee endorses the installation of signage throughout City trails and parks and other utilization of educational components to make the public aware of the dangers that ticks present to the public in terms of Lyme disease. Additionally, that Staff look into options for safe treatments that can be used to minimize exposure.

Motion Carried

b) Gold Box Program

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Michal Lukac that staff share any information on the Gold Box Program that is being performed by other local Municipalities with Regional Councillors that represent the City of Niagara Falls.

Motion Carried

5. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 3:00 pm online Zoom meeting.