

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, May 18, 2016

MacBain Community Centre

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

John Anstruther, Pat Mascarin, Audrey Fraser, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Curtis Thompson, Corey Barkman, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Elizabeth Manker, Brenda Hicks, Frank Fohr, Michal Lukac, Janet Hassall, Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff), Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

Regrets:

Kenneth Groves

1. Adoption of Minutes

Frank Fohr requested that Staff follow-up to see if the Mayor would like to participate with the Compact of Mayor initiative.

The Park in the City Committee minutes from March 16, 2016.

IT WAS MOVED BY Corey Barkman, second by Councillor Mike Strange, that the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2016 be approved as written. Motion Carried.

2. Events & Programs

a) June is Recreation & Parks Month event

The event will take place on Wednesday, June 1 at Rosberg Park from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Staff requested volunteers from the committee to help conduct a trail survey at the event. Michal and Audrey will attend.

b) Schools In Bloom

School visits will take place on June 9 with all committee Liaisons attending. Councillors Strange and Pietrangelo will co-MC the June 13 Schools In Bloom Ceremony at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. Staff will check to see if there is a charge for parking at the School of Horticulture.

c) Summer Trillium

Trillium visits will take place on July 14 with the Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Ceremony scheduled for September 22 at the Ramada Plaza. Pat will continue to be Chair for the program.

3. Tree Programs

a) Tree Planting Grants

The Firemen's Park Pollinator garden installation will take place on June 14 from 9:30am to 1:00pm. The Warren Woods tree planting is scheduled for September 29 from 9am to 1pm. The Paddock Trail reforestation tree planting will be scheduled later in the fall.

4. Transportation & Trails

a) Trail Survey

The survey has been launched online with a request for volunteers to conduct an in-person survey during the June is Recreation & Parks Month event. Staff will send a schedule via email for volunteers to conduct in-person surveys throughout the summer at various destination trails.

b) Regional Committees

Curtis reported that results from the Region's Complete Streets survey have been released. The Regional Bicycle Committee has been condensed with the Niagara Region Active Transportation Committee. Frank Fohr will no longer represent the City on the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee. Staff will follow-up with the City Clerk to have Curtis replace Frank on this committee.

5. New Business

a) Millennium Recreational Trail Update

A consultant has been hired to complete the design of the new phase from Lundy's Lane to Royal Manor Drive. Staff will actively engage residents to find solutions to any privacy issues along the route. Staff anticipate the construction will start sometime in the fall with completion by November, 2016.

b) Thundering Waters Development

Frank requested that the committee receive information on the secondary plan for the project. Staff will follow-up with the Planning Department for details. Councillor Pietrangelo will send Staff previous presentations from the Thundering Waters project to circulate to the committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Councillor Mike Strange, that the Park in the City Committee be notified of any future secondary plans. Motion Carried.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the WEGO Transit Facility on Heartland Forest Road. The Committee was advised to arrive at 3:30pm for a tour of the facility. Parking is available in the front.