

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, May 17, 2017

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Audrey Fraser, Pat Mascarin, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Janet Hassall, Frank Fohr, Curtis Thompson, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

Regrets:

John Anstruther, Elizabeth Manker, Michal Lukac, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Corey Barkman, Kenneth Groves

1. Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from March 29, 2017.

IT WAS MOVED BY Pat Mascarin, second by Janet Hassall, that the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2017 be approved as written. Motion Carried.

2. Events & Programs

a) *Ride of Silence*

Taking place after meeting. Paisley, Pat, Janet and Audrey and Councillor Strange to attend.

b) *Niagara Falls Horticultural Society Plant Sale*

May 27, 2017 at the Niagara Falls Public Library starting at 9:00 am. Audrey, Pat and Janet are to attend.

c) *Niagara Falls Schools In Bloom Program*

Majority of schools have been in contact with Liaisons. Kate S. Durdan will not be attending the ending ceremony.

d) *Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Program*

Advertising setup at the Niagara Falls Public Library will take place on June 1, 2017 at 9:00 am. The Canada 150 logo will be added to all 2017 Trillium awards. The Award of Excellence gift will now consist of a bouquet of flowers and picture of the property landscape in an oversized picture frame. The key chain has been eliminated. The ceremony will continue to take place at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on Lundy's Lane.

e) *Spring Community Clean Sweep*

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 starting at 9:00 am at the Mick and Angelo's Eatery and Bar parking lot.

3. Tree Programs, Projects

a) Memorial Planting

Staff will be meeting with family members of the late Chester Murawski to plan a Saturday, September 2 memorial tree planting at Greendale Public Elementary School. Approval to plant the tree on DSBN property has been granted.

4. Transportation and Trails

a) Regional Committee Update

Curtis Thompson indicated that the ATTN Committee is looking for more volunteers to join. Interested committee members are to follow-up with staff.

b) Millennium Recreational Trail Update

Section 6 construction has been delayed due to weather. A Grand opening event is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 26 starting at 3:30pm. Design money has been approved for Section 5 and the cycle track along the Dorchester bridge overpass.

5. Awards and Grants

a) Environment Award

Members have been requested to submit nominations for the 2016/17 Environment Award. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

6. New Business

a) Up-Coming Event Announcements

Staff had made the members aware of some up-coming City events:

- Friday, May 26, 2017 – Healthy Kids Community Challenge Garden Build at Westlane Secondary School starting at 9:00 am.
- Wednesday, May 31, 2017 – Recreation Committee Solar Park Playground Grand Opening starting at 4:00 pm.
- Wednesday, May 31, 2017 – June is Recreation and Parks Month event at Firemen's Park starting at 5:00 pm.
- Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – Grand Opening of the new Teaching Centre/Community Gardens at Westlane Secondary School starting at 1:00 pm.
- Monday, June 26, 2017 – Grand Opening of the Millennium Recreational Trail Section 6 starting at 3:30 pm.

b) Tree Inventory

Staff are to request Municipal Works Staff to conduct a brief a presentation on the tree inventory program.

c) School Tree Policy

Staff are requested to reach out to both school boards to inquire about their tree policy.

d) George Bukator Trail

Staff are to bring an update on the plan to construct a trail at George Bukator Park to the June meeting.

e) Committee Name Change

Committee members are to discuss a possible name change for the committee at the September 13 meeting. A name change would take effect at the start of a new term of Council.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre.

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