

The Park in the City Committee

4:30 p.m. - Wednesday, June 12, 2019

McaBain Community Centre Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Janet Hassall, Michal Lukac, Paisley January-Pool, Frank Fohr, Audrey Fraser, Carly Milani, John Brucato, Dan Cicchino, Sheila Deluca, Nicole White (Recreation Student), Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff), Councillor Mike Strange

Regrets:

Tom Mingle, John Anstruther, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) *May 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Pat Mascarin that the minutes of the May 15, 2019 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Welcome

Framework for Recreation in Canada

Kathy Moldenhauer, Director of Recreation & Culture gave an overview of the Framework for Recreation in Canada. The discussion included topics such as active living, inclusion and access, connecting people and nature, supportive environments and recreation capacity.

3. Business Arising from May 15, 2019 meeting

a) *Memorial Fund Online Donations*

The City is currently looking into new online services. Staff will be notified once services have been determined.

b) *Teresa Forte Tree Newspaper Articles*

Staff made a request to Teresa Forte to consider writing more tree related articles in her weekly horticulture section that is printed in the Niagara Falls Review. Teresa also expressed concerned for the urban tree canopy and indicated that she would write more tree related articles.

4. Events & Programs

a) *Ride of Silence Re-cap*

The 2019 event was cancelled due to thunderstorms. The Amici Per La Vita Cycling Club is interested in taking the lead in organizing future Ride of Silence events. Both the cycling club and the SCVFA want to see the event stay at Firemen's Park. The committee has asked staff to investigate options for a third party to take over the Ride of Silence event.

b) Upcoming Committee Events

- Niagara Falls Schools In Bloom Ending Ceremony – June 13 at the Butterfly Conservatory.
- Niagara Falls Summer Trillium property assessments – July 24 & 25 starting at the MacBain Community Centre.
- Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Recognition Ceremony – September 18 at the Ramada Plaza.
- TD Tree Days Tree Planting event – September 21 at the Fairview Cemetery.
- Fall Community Clean Sweep – October 5 at starting Oakes Park.
- TD Green Days Tree Planting event – October 18 at Firemen’s Park.

c) Earth Week Sub-Committee Report, Michal Lukac

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Pat Mascarin that committee members continue to research options for hosting an Earth Week Expo in 2020.

Motion Carried

IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by Frank Fohr that the committee host a new City-wide household items give-a-way event in 2020.

Motion Carried

d) Summer Trillium Sub-Committee Report, Pat Mascarin

The future of the program is to be discussed at the September 11 committee meeting.

5. Transportation and Trails

a) Active Transportation Niagara Network meeting

Share the Road Coalition presented on the advantages of hosting affective public meeting consultation for capital projects.

6. New Business

a) New Beautification Program Discussion, John Brucato

Discussion took place about implementing a new beautification program that involves sending a note of thanks to properties that have excelled in curbside landscaping. Further discussion to take place at the September 11 meeting during the Summer Trillium Awards discussion.

b) Tree Meeting Request

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Sheila Deluca that staff setup a meeting with Municipal Works staff to discuss the tree canopy in Niagara Falls.

Motion Carried

c) Trail Naming

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Michal Lukac that staff consider naming the next new trail build after the Carolinian Forest.

Motion Carried

IT WAS MOVED BY Mike Lukac, second by John Brucato that staff consider naming the next new trail build that is located near or on a previous railroad bed as the CN Legacy Trail.

Motion Carried

d) *Memorial Tree Planting*

IT WAS MOVED BY Mike Lukac, second by Audrey Fraser that the committee purchase a memorial tree and plaque in honour of past Park in the City Committee member Eloise Shoemaker. The tree is to be planted at Don Johnson Park.

Motion Carried

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 4:30 pm at MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.