

The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, May 11, 2022

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Audrey Fraser, Dan Cicchino, Frank Fohr, Sheila Deluca, John Anstruther, John Brucato, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

Regrets:

Janet Hassall, Carly Milani, Tom Mingle, Michal Lukac

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) *April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by John Anstruther that the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Welcome

a) *Herb Sawatzky – 30 by 50 Niagara Climate Action Team*

Presentation focused on ideas to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030. Emphasis on geothermal heating/cooling systems were discussed.

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by John Brucato that the Park in the City Committee recommends that Council accepts a request by the 50 by 30 Niagara Climate Action Team to conduct a presentation to Council regarding information on newer environmentally friendly heating and cooling solutions.

Motion Carried

3. Business Arising from April 13, 2022 Meeting

a) *Forestry Statistics*

Staff reported that there are currently 200 requests for new trees from residents. 2022 budget allows for 60 new plantings. Total 2022 budget for tree planting is \$10,000.

4. Events & Programs

a) *Community Curbside Giveaway*

Online interaction activity was at acceptable levels through social feeds. It is recommended that the event is not held on a long-weekend.

b) Earth Day Activities

The clean-up event was well received. Walker Industries also held an additional clean-up at Firemen's Park on May 7 that include 60 staff.

c) Rotary Tree Planting

Took place at Carolynn Park on Saturday, May 7. Councillor Strange was in attendance to bring greetings.

d) Queen Jubilee Ceremony and Tree Planting

Will take place on Thursday, June 2 starting at 11am at Rosberg Park. All members are invited to attend.

e) Mother Earth Day - Update

The event is on pace to be delivered within budget. Currently, all vendor and demonstration opportunities have been filled. Staff requesting that all Committee members volunteer for the event.

f) Summer Trillium Awards - Update

The program will be launched on June 1, 2022 through e-blast, mail outs and social media feeds. Assessments will be conducted at the MacBain Community Centre on July 28, 2022. The award ceremony is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the Ramada Plaza.

5. Transportation and Trails

None

6. New Business

None

7. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 3:00 pm, MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.