

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, June 20, 2018

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Audrey Fraser, Pat Mascarin, Michal Lukac, Janet Hassall, Frank Fohr, Kenneth Groves, Curtis Thompson, John Anstruther, Paisley January-Pool, Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

Regrets:

Corey Barkman, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Strange

1. Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from May 16, 2018.

IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by Frank Fohr, that the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2018 be approved as written.

Motion Carried.

2. Events & Programs

a) *Ride of Silence Bicycle Event*

Over 80 people attended, which is the largest Ride of Silence in Niagara Falls to date. Approximately half of the riders stayed for the barbecue.

b) *Niagara Falls Schools In Bloom*

In total, 14 schools participated in the program. The new procedures in place to help with communications had a positive effect. The Butterfly Conservatory location for the ending ceremony is preferred for next year.

c) *Environmental Event*

Committee to consider hosting an environmental event in the near future. Planning for this event to take place in 2019. The targeted date for the first annual event will take place during Earth Week, 2020.

3. Transportation & Trails

a) **Welland River Bridge**

Committee recommended that the City investigate options for utilizing the cross-way rail bridge over the Welland River, connecting Baden Powell Park to George Bukator Park.

4. New Business

a) *Private Tree By-Law*

Niagara-On-The-Lake has recently introduced a draft bylaw to protect trees on private properties in their five urban areas.

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, second by Kenneth Groves, that the Park in the City Committee supports staff to investigate options to develop a by-law to protect trees on private properties, similar to what the Town of Niagara – On – The – Lake is purposing to their Council in August of 2018.

Motion Carried.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.

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