

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Firemen's Park

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Paisley January-Pool, Frank Fohr, Michal Lukac, Kenneth Groves, Janet Hassall, Elizabeth Manker, Councillor Pietrangelo, Councillor Strange, Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff), Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

Regrets:

John Anstruther, Corey Barkman, Audrey Fraser, Brenda Hicks, Curtis Thompson

1. Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from June 15, 2016.

IT WAS MOVED BY Janet Hassall, second by Elizabeth Manker, that the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2016 be approved as written. Motion Carried.

2. Events & Programs

a) Summer Trillium Awards Ceremony

Volunteering for the event will be Pat, Janet and Elizabeth. Councillors Pietrangelo and Strange to MC.

b) Warren Woods Tree Planting

Both Westlane Secondary School and St. Michal High School will be participating on September 29. Janet, Kenneth, Frank and Pat will be attending.

c) Uhaul Tree Planting

To take place on October 11. Councillor Morocco will bring greetings. Stamford Collegiate Secondary School, John, Pat and Janet will be volunteering.

d) Community Clean Sweep

Oakes Park on October 15. Paisley, John, Frank, Corey, Janet and Kenneth will be volunteering.

e) TD Tree Days

Janet, Audrey, Corey and John will volunteer for the event on October 22.

3. Tree Programs, Projects and Parks

a) Memorial Fund

Staff indicated that a proposed Green Burial garden is being pursued through a CN EcoConnexions grant for 2017. It was suggested that existing funds from the Memorial Fund be allocated to the project if the grant is proven successful. The Committee all agreed.

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, second by Frank Fohr, that funding from the Park in the City Memorial Fund be used to plant two White Oak trees along Portage Road, nearest to where the previous significant White Oak once stood. Additionally, signage to mark the plantings are to come out of the same fund. Motion Carried.

4. Transportation & Trails

a) Trail Millennium Recreational Trail Section #6 update

The tender process is almost complete with the decision to award a bidder to be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Councillor Strange, consideration be given to future trail development to convert the existing grass trails at Firemen's Park to stone dust trails and that a connection linkage of trails be developed throughout the former Mountain Road landfill. That design money be allocated for the 2016 budget. Motion Carried.

5. Awards and Grants

a) Volunteer Recognition Awards

On behalf of the Park in the City Committee nominations, Audrey Fraser will receive an individual award, Niagara Restoration Council will receive a corporate award and both Sherry Findlater and Sharon Sumner will receive the Environment Award.

6. New Business

a) Sale of Sports Drinks

Staff asked the committee for feedback on the option of re-introducing the sale of sports drinks in plastic bottles at city facilities. The committee did not support the idea.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Strange, second by Paisley Janvary-Pool, that the Park in the City Committee purchase \$200 worth of coconut water and be given to GNBA for the purpose to sell the water as a test run at the Oakes Park canteen. Motion Carried.

b) Graffiti on Bridge Street

The committee requested that staff follow-up to have the graffiti removed on Bridge Street near the Go Station.

c) Renaming of the Millennium Recreational Trail

Section 1 of the Millennium Recreational Trail will be renamed the John McCall MacBain Trail.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.