

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, November 15, 2017

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Audrey Fraser, Pat Mascarin, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Janet Hassall, Frank Fohr, John Anstruther, Michal Lukac, Kenneth Groves, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), John Morocco (Staff).

Regrets:

Curtis Thompson, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Elizabeth Manker

1. Welcome

a) *Guest Speaker – John Morocco, City of Niagara Falls Municipal Works Department*

John Morocco gave an overview on the Street Tree Inventory program. Information included data collection and tree statistics analysis.

IT WAS MOVED BY Audrey Fraser, second by Pat Mascarin, that the Park in the City Committee commends staff for conducting the street tree inventory as trees are an important asset to the City.

Motion Carried.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from September 13, 2017.

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Kenneth Groves, that the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2017 be approved as written.

Motion Carried.

3. Business Arising from Minutes of September 13, 2017

a) *Bee City Application*

City Staff will apply for Niagara Falls to become a bee city. Staff have connected with partners from the Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) to joint submit the application due to their heavy involvement of installing various pollinator gardens along the Niagara Parkway. The application will be submitted once feedback is received by staff at the NPC.

b) *Millennium Recreational Trail Signage*

Staff have informed the committee that proper trail signage will be put in place throughout the extension of the Millennium Recreational Trail once Section #5 is completed.

4. Events & Programs

a) *Up-coming Fall Schedule*

All committee members received a tentative 2018 events schedule with notable changes made to some annual events:

- The Schools In Bloom Workshop has been moved to Thursday, March 22, 2018.
- The Fall Community Clean Sweep has been moved to the second Saturday of May (12).
- The Ride of Silence Location has been moved to Firemen's Park.

5. Transportation and Trails

a) *Regional Report*

- Staff indicated that the Niagara Region's Transportation Masterplan is now completed and is in the last packing stage for distribution.
- Municipalities in Niagara are encouraged to take advantage of their Bicycle Friendly Community designations as a tool to attract visitors and people considering moving into the area.
- Niagara Falls has put forward a provincial grant to support new construction on the Millennium Recreational Trail Section #5 and Whirlpool Road pedestrian improvements.

6. Awards/Grants

a) *Grants*

Staff applied for the following grants in preparation for 2018:

- \$4,500 First Ontario Grant
- \$4,000 Niagara Community Foundation Environmental Grant
- \$1,000 Meridian Credit Union Good Neighbour Grant
- \$10,000 TD Friends of the Environment Grant

7. New Business

a) *Terms of Reference Updates*

Deferred to next meeting.

b) *Corey Barkman Leave of Absence*

Corey has taken a leave of absence from the committee due to a conflict of interest while working in the Recreation & Culture Department. Corey will resume his committee role once he leaves the department.

c) *Park in the City Committee Name Change*

After discussion, the committee had decided to keep the name "Park in the City Committee".

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre.