

# The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. - Wednesday, October 14, 2020

## Virtual Online Meeting

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Present:

Pat Mascarin, Michal Lukac, John Anstruther, Audrey Fraser, Sheila Deluca, Carly Milani, Paisley January-Pool, John Brucato, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff), Charlie Smith (Staff)

#### Regrets:

Tom Mingle, Janet Hassall, Frank Fohr, Dan Cicchino

## 1. Adoption of Minutes

#### *a) September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes*

**IT WAS MOVED BY John Anstruther, second by Michal Lukac that the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.**

**Motion Carried**

## 2. Business Arising from September 9, 2020 meeting

#### *a) Tree Inventory Review*

Charlie Smith, City Staff Forestry Supervisor provided an outline on current forestry operations and the Tree Inventory program. The City currently does not have an Urban Forest Management Plan.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Paisley January-Pool that Staff consider hiring a consultant to develop an Urban Forest Master Plan in the 2021 budget.**

**Motion Carried**

## 3. Events & Programs

#### *a) Firemen's Park Tree Planting*

In total, 25 people participated in the tree planting event. 40 native trees were planted. Staff will look at planning to plant more trees at the park in 2021 during the up-coming Mother Earth Day event.

#### *b) Community Clean Sweep Overview*

In total, 130 residents have registered online to participate. Volunteers will acquire supplies prior to the event at the MacBain Community Centre. Due to COVID restrictions, the Committee will not be conducting registration on event day.

**c) Curbside Give-A-Way Overview**

Advertising has been released through the City's mail out water billing cycle. Social media ads and 2 full page ads in the Review have been secured and completed. A Facebook events page has been developed to enable people to post items and locations that will be available on event day.

## 4. Transportation & Trails

**a) Millennium Recreational Trail Connections**

An official opening of Section 5 will take place in late spring, 2021. Currently there are no wayfinding signs between sections of the Millennium Recreational Trail. Staff will follow-up to get a timeline for when wayfinding signage will be posted.

**b) NS & T Line Trail Master Plan**

A small team of staff and volunteers had the opportunity to walk portions of the NS & T line Trail. Consultants have indicated they will complete design work on the trail by mid-November, with public consultations taking place at the end of November. A report to Council is anticipated to take place in March of 2021.

## 5. New Business

**a) Environment Award Nomination**

The Committee has chosen Land Care Niagara as the 2020 winner of the Environment Award.

**b) Recreation and Culture Master Plan**

The Committee was sent a link to complete a survey involving the Recreation and Culture Master Plan.

## 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

## Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 3:00 pm online Zoom meeting at the call of the Chair.