



MINUTES

Environmental Action Committee Meeting

4:30 PM - Wednesday, January 10, 2024
MacBain Community Centre
Boardroom/Microsoft Teams App

The meeting of the Environmental Action Committee was called to order on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 4:30 PM, in the MacBain Community Centre Boardroom/Microsoft Teams App, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Aniko Bzdyl, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Jennifer Baldinelli, John Ansthruther, John Brucato, Councillor Mike Strange, Paisley January-Pool, Pat Futino, Patricia Mascarin, Paul Bongers, Sheila DeLuca, Tina Overstrom, and Councillor Victor Pietrangelo

EXCUSED: Carly Milani, Frank Fohr, John Morocco, and Thomas Mingle

STAFF: Beth Angle, Manager of Recreation and Programs, Jeff Guarasci, Community Development Coordinator, and Kathy Moldenhauer, General Manager of Recreation, Culture & Facilities

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Committee minutes of November 29th, 2023

Moved by Aniko Bzdyl

Seconded by John Ansthruther

That the minutes of November 29th, 2023 are approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

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3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) 2024 Environmental Action Committee Schedule of Events and Programs Overview

Staff overviewed the 2024 schedule of events and programs for the committee.

Mother Earth Day Event

During discussion regarding the 2024 Mother Earth Day event, it was suggested to revamp the tree give-a-way section. John Brucato will lead this portion of the event. Manual processing will be implemented for this program. Other suggestions are to promote other Environmental Action Committee initiatives at the event and to explore options of securing a prominent speaker that would attract a large audience to the event. Potential speakers include Frankie Flowers and Paul Zammit. I was also noted to connect with Niagara College to explore any potential partner options involving the Mother Earth Day event. Staff will follow up with these items and report findings at the next committee meeting.

Environmental Action Committee Memorial Program

Consideration to spend available funds from the EAC Memorial Program will be given to the new Children's Memorial Walkway at Firemen's Park. Committee members will report back at the next committee meeting of any potential project options that are being proposed by the community volunteer committee that is associated with the walkway.

5 NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Strange requested that staff connect with the Walker company to coordinate any future mass-planting tree seedling projects.

6 ADJOURNMENT

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.