



MINUTES

Environmental Action Committee Meeting

4:30 PM - Wednesday, May 8, 2024

MacBain Community Centre - Boardroom

The Environmental Action Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was called to order on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 4:30 PM, in the MacBain Community Centre - Boardroom, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Sheila DeLuca, Aniko Bzdyl, John Ansthruther, John Brucato, Jennifer Baldinelli, Frank Fohr, Paul Bongers, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Patricia Mascarin, Carly Milani, and Tina Overstrom

EXCUSED: Paisley Janvary-Pool, Thomas Mingle, Pat Futino, and John Morocco

STAFF: Jeff Guarasci, Community Development Coordinator

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Committee minutes of April 10, 2024

Moved by John Ansthruther

Seconded by Jennifer Baldinelli

That the minutes of April 10, 2024 are approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4 WELCOME

David Antonsen & Erica Hammond - Presentation on the Willick Road Woodlot Trail and Boardwalk project as well as the up-coming Biden Powell project.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

a) Walker Tour Details Confirmed

The tour is set for Friday, May 17th, 2024 starting at 10:00 AM. Details have been sent by email to Committee Members who have indicated they will be attending.

b) Niagara Falls University Letter of Support

Moved by Jennifer Baldinelli
Seconded by Tina Overstrom

The the Environmental Action Committee recommends that the City sends a letter of support to the Niagara Falls University to help with their efforts to provide a suite of new programs including a Master of Sustainable Science, Master of Water and Food Security and a Master of Regenerative Sustainability.

Carried Unanimously

6 EVENTS & PROGRAMS

a) Earth Day Clean-Up - Review

Over 170 residents registered for the event in 2024. A second organized clean-up that took place on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at the Fairview Cemetery received a low participation rate.

b) Preakness Park Tree Planting

Over 20 people participated in the tree planting event that took place at Preakness Park. 35 native trees were planted throughout the park area. A tree planting demonstration was conducted by John Anstruther. Mayor Diodati was in attendance to bring greetings.

c) Mother Earth Day - Volunteer Overview

Committee Members were assigned specific tasks for the Mother Earth Day event that is scheduled for May 11th, 2024 at Firemen's Park. Staff overviewed particulars for the event.

d) Ride of Silence - Update

Committee Members were encouraged to attend the up-coming Ride of Silence event that is taking place on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 starting at 7:00 PM at Firemen's Park. The Amici Per La Vita Niagara Cycling Club is hosting the event.

7 NEW BUSINESS

None

8 NEXT MEETING

a) June 12, 2024

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. MacBain Community Centre Community Boardroom.

9 ADJOURNMENT

a) Meeting adjournment

6:00 PM

Chair

Staff Liaison