



MINUTES

Environmental Action Committee Meeting

4:30 PM - Wednesday, October 18, 2023
MacBain Community Centre - Boardroom

The Environmental Action Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was called to order on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 4:30 PM, in the MacBain Community Centre - Boardroom, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Sheila DeLuca, Aniko Bzdyl, Paisley January-Pool, John Anstruther, John Brucato, Jennifer Baldinelli, Frank Fohr, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Patricia Mascarin, Carly Milani, Thomas Mingle, Pat Futino, John Morocco, and Tina Overstrom

EXCUSED: Councillor Mike Strange and Paul Bongers

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 September 20, 2023

Moved by Aniko Bzdyl
Seconded by John Brucato

That the minutes of September 20, 2023 are approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4 BUSINESS ARISING

a) Committee T-Shirts - Distribution

All Committee Members in attendance received their Committee t-shirt

b) Environment Award - discussion

Moved by Debbie Cank-Thatcher
Seconded by John Brucato

That the Environment Award for 2023 be awarded to the Niagara Parks Commission.

5 EVENTS & PROGRAMS

a) Tree Planting Events - Re-cap

378 Trees were planted at Mewburn Park on September 23 and another 100 trees were planted at Royal Manor Park on October 6. Staff thanked all Members who contributed to the events.

It was noted that communication needs to be more detailed with residents when planting tree within neighbourhood parks.

It was also noted that over 1,000 trees have been added to the City's urban forest canopy in 2023 through the efforts of the Environmental Action Committee.

Moved by John Brucato
Seconded by John Morocco

That the Environmental Action Committee dedicate one meeting annually to review and discuss the City's urban and rural tree canopy with the support of data analysis detail from the City's Forestry Department in order for the Committee to assist with future enhancements of the City's overall tree canopy.

Carried Unanimously

b) Curbside Give-A-Way & Community Clean Sweep - Update

The event will take place on Saturday, October 21 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

6 NEW BUSINESS

a) Christmas Social - Discussion

Staff proposed combining Christmas Socials with other volunteer Committees of Council. Staff will circulate a proposed date, location and time when able.

7 ADJOURNMENT

a) That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Chair

Staff Liaison