



**Meeting  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: Barb Butters  
Angie Desmarais  
Yvon Doucet

Staff: Derek Hemauer  
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Deanna Lindblad  
Paul Ruzycki  
Beth Palma  
Ryan Waines  
George McKibbon  
Richard Lord  
Tim Hoyle  
Jack Hellinga

Regrets: Patti Stirling  
Chris Lee

Guest: Patty Moss

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Beth Palma called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Barbara Butters  
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That the minutes of January 14, 2015 be accepted as written.  
CARRIED.

**3. Items Arising from Previous Minutes**

**a) Delaying Rural Roadside Cutting on Municipal Roads**

The committee discussed the proposed plan to delay roadside cuttings with regard to the roads that were chosen and the method of informing all of the residents/farmers on the chosen roads of the proposed plan. Patty and Richard advised that they have spoken to some farmers, some seem willing to give the plan a try and others

don't appear to be in favour. Patty suggested that savings be set aside for children's education, once the program goes to scale. All were in favour.

Moved by Jack Hellinga  
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That the proposal be accepted and forwarded to Council for consideration, with the amendment that a fund be established with any future savings to be used for nature education programming for the city's youth.  
CARRIED.

Jack suggested as many members attend the presentation to Council as possible.

**b) Niagara Restoration Program Funding for Ash Borer Tree Removal**

Since the meeting in January, Dave Sabo, the City Gardener, has contacted representatives of the NPCA and the NRC and they have had a site meeting at the VALE Centre property. This item is work in progress and Dave will attend the next EAC meeting in March with an update for the committee.

Deanna advised that sawmills have been contacted, however some of the trees are so dead that it may not be worth hiring a sawmill. Deanna said that if the City cuts the trees down, the funding program would cover the replanting.

**c) Niagara Restoration Council Request for Support, Council Request for Clarification of Support**

Since the meeting in January, Dave Sabo, the City Gardener, has met with Allison Graszat, Environmental Project Manager of the NRC, to discuss this request. The following update was provided:

Allison and Dave agreed that Centennial Park would be an ideal location for this project as the conditions of the soil at this location will allow for minimal maintenance. Dave has requested wood chips from City tree stump removals for this project, the wood chips will help significantly with controlling weeds and are no extra cost to the City. Once established, this garden will require minimal maintenance from City staff, likely in the form of a fall weeding. If the Environmental Advisory Committee wishes to budget in-kind funds for this project for the next three years it is estimated that \$500.00/year would be sufficient (in kind value).

The committee supported this unanimously. The \$500 in kind value will be forwarded to Chris Lee for approval.

**d) Resignation of Larry Fontaine**

A copy of a letter to Larry Fontaine, thanking him for his interest in the committee, was provided for information. The letter has been sent to Mr. Fontaine.

**e) Membership – Deanna Lindblad**

Options to allow Deanna continued membership on the committee (as she no longer lives in Port Colborne) was discussed.

Moved by Angie Desmarais  
Seconded by Tim Hoyle

That the terms of reference of the committee be amended to allow for a voting member from the NPCA, on a trial basis, until December 31, 2018.  
CARRIED.

**4. New/Other Business**

**a) 2015 Budget**

Janice will email everyone the current budget information, for discussion at the next meeting.

**b) Email from Tim Hoyle regarding the use of Vale land for possible use in projects**

Tim and Deanna will put Mr. Cherevaty, Vale Plant Manager and Allison Graszat, Environmental Project Manager of the NRC in contact with each other to discuss the possibility of using Vale land for such projects as Blooms for Bees.

**5. Next Meeting/Adjourn**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Moved by Yvon Doucet  
Seconded by Ryan Waines

That with no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.  
CARRIED.