



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
June 11th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Barb Butters
Bea Kenny
Yvon Doucet

Staff: Derek Hemauer
Chris Lee

Public Members: Beth Palma
Jack Hellinga
George McKibbon
Patti Stirling
Richard Lord
Paul Ruzycki
Deanna Lindblad
Larry Fontaine

Regrets: Ryan Waines
Janice Peyton

1. Call to Order

Chair Bea Kenny called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Beth Palma
Seconded by Larry Fontaine

That the minutes of May 14, 2014 be accepted as amended.
CARRIED.

3. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

Recycling Containers in City Parks

A report on costs was presented by Chris. The containers will be located at H.H. Knoll Park (2 containers), T.A. Lannan Park (2 containers), the Skate Park (1 container) and Nickel Beach (1 container). Niagara Regional Waste staff determined the locations through site visits, for collection purposes, the pricing reflects those locations. See the attached schedule with pricing/funding and final costs.

Moved by Jack Hellinga

Seconded by Yvon Doucet

To proceed with purchase/install as per discussions at an estimated overall cost of \$9,000 in 2014, with additional collection costs in future being budgeted by the committee.

CARRIED.

Earth Day

Due to the inclement weather and lack of participation by other groups there was no earth day activity for 2014. The committee will participate with other groups in an earth day event in 2015.

Budget

Chris will provide a detailed update on the EAC funds at the next meeting.

GMO Labelling (Paul Ruzycki)

Paul has contacted individuals with expertise on this subject. He will investigate further and possibly arrange for an expert to speak to the committee. More details will be provided at a future meeting.

Painting of Ships While in the Canal (Paul Ruzycki)

George has made contact with the SLSA and their environmental people are investigating and will report back to George with more information on this subject.

Condition of Seaway Property along the Weir (Patti Stirling)

Chris advised that he has discussed this issue with City ByLaw Enforcement and it was clarified that the City has no authority over Federal lands (SLSA properties). ByLaw Enforcement can request clean-ups of Federal lands, but they cannot undertake enforcement or lay charges. George will look further into who is responsible for waste clean-up.

4. New/Other Business

Emerald Ash Borer

Deanna submitted further information from NPCA regarding the Emerald Ash Bore. Discussion took place as to whether the committee budget should be allocated to future tree replacement program to counter the devastation resulting from the Ash Bore. Deanna said that it doesn't say Cities don't qualify, so we could try for applying for funds through the Niagara Restoration Program, Chris will pursue this. The committee will discuss this further at future meetings as more details become available.

Modification of Tree Rebate Program List of Acceptable Trees

Chris has obtained a suggested list of fruit trees that could possibly be added to the list of possible trees eligible for funding through the current EAC tree rebate program. Chris will forward the list to Deanna for consideration, with a final draft to be submitted at the September 2014 meeting for further discussion by the committee. Committee members hope that these fruit trees might be acceptable to be planted on city boulevards.

Chris said the City would have to change their policy banning planting of new boulevard trees (due to impingement on hydro lines and heaving of sidewalks due to roots). He said this may be possible if the arborist approves of these trees (including Thornless honey locust) for boulevard planting.

5. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Beth Palma

That with no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
CARRIED.