



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
May 13th, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Yvon Doucet

Staff: Derek Hemauer
Janice Peyton
Chris Lee

Public Members: Deanna Lindblad
Beth Palma
George McKibbon
Richard Lord
Tim Hoyle

Regrets: Patti Stirling
Paul Ruzycki
Ryan Waines
Jack Hellinga
Barb Butters
Angie Desmarais

Guest: Patty Moss

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of March 11th were not approved as there was no quorum.

3. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Delaying Rural Roadside Cutting on Municipal Roads Proposed Plan to Delay Roadside Cutting, Summary of Feedback Obtained During the Consultation Process

Patty provided a summary report on resident interviews on the delay of roadside cutting for the roads selected in the trial area. A copy of the report is attached. Residents' concerns were discussed. Patty will respond to those with concerns and for those concerned about drainage, Deanna's business card will be provided for further information.

All those in attendance agreed that the next step is to forward the report to Ron Hanson.

Patty advised that she will have roadside information on display when she is at the Farmer's Market on Friday mornings.

Signage was discussed, Patty had an example of a Monarch Waystation sign. Chris thought it would be a good idea to place a sign at locations where the grass cutting contractor is to stop cutting. Chris advised that the committee has sufficient funds in the budget to design a sign. Deanna suggested something simple, possibly an image of a butterfly with a QR code. All in attendance were in agreement to create a sign specifically for the committee initiative. Staff will design a sign and it will be emailed to committee members for review.

b) Blooms for Bees letter, from the City Clerk to the Niagara Restoration Council

A copy of the letter of support regarding the Niagara Restoration Council's Blooms for Bees Project was provided for information.

c) Membership – Deanna Lindblad

A memorandum from the City Clerk regarding the appointment of Deanna Lindblad as the NPCA representative to the Committee, until the end of her current term commitment was provided for information.

d) 2015 Budget

An updated budget summary was provided. Recycling containers were discussed. Chris is working on pricing and locations of additional recycling containers. Yvon asked if the containers purchases through last year's budget are being utilized. Chris will inquire when he calls for pricing.

e) Painting of Ships While in the Canal

The response received from the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation regarding painting of ships in the Welland Canal was discussed. All in attendance agreed that this issue cannot be taken much further as it has been stated that protocol is being followed.

f) Spring Clean Up – Yvon

Yvon advised that the Earth Day Spring Clean Up was coordinated by Port Cares and the East Village group. 8 to 10 full bags of garbage were collected in total.

g) Boulevard Trees

Deanna provided a list of trees suitable for boulevards. Planting trees on boulevards were discussed as it relates to maintenance of City sidewalks, and to the tree planting policy/bylaw. No further action is required at this time, however, George will make some inquiries as to how other Municipalities regulate trees on boulevards.

4. New/Other Business

a) Flavours 2015, June 27 & 28

A request was received from Gina Murdoch, Events Coordinator, City of Port Colborne, regarding volunteers for the Greening Initiative for Flavours 2015 which will be held on June 27th and June 28th. Richard and Beth volunteered to assist with this event. Janice will advise Gina Murdoch.

b) Dog Park – Feasibility of Planting Milkweed (Patty)

The possibility of planting a pollinator garden at the Dog Park was discussed. As the Dog Park is Regional property, a request must go to the Region. Deanna will make the request on behalf of the committee for a fall planting. The Region would be asked to dump some dirt and mulch on site (that could be their contribution). Approximately \$300. would be required from the Environmental Initiatives budget. All those in attendance agreed to budget \$300. towards this initiative, this will be voted on at the next meeting.

Patty advised that she has met with Ryan Waines at Jungbunzlauer to discuss planting a pollinator garden at Jungbunzlauer.

c) Newsletter Articles

A copy of newsletter articles for the rebate programs for the upcoming City Newsletter was provided for information.

Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.