



**Meeting  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:05 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: Barb Butters  
Yvon Doucet

Staff: Derek Hemauer  
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Beth Palma  
Jack Hellinga  
George McKibbon  
Richard Lord  
Deanna Lindblad

Regrets: Bea Kenny  
Chris Lee  
Paul Ruzycki  
Patti Stirling  
Larry Fontaine  
Ryan Waines

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**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Beth Palma called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Moved by George McKibbon  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the minutes of Sept 10, 2014 be accepted as written.  
CARRIED.

**3. Items Arising from Previous Minutes**

**Delaying Rural Roadside Cutting on Municipal Roads**

The committee discussed this item further, as it was referred to the EAC by Council. Patty Moss, of 776 Chippawa Road was in attendance for the discussion of this item. A copy of Patty's presentation to Council is attached. Patty would like to have the second roadside cutting, which usually takes place at the beginning of August, delayed until early Fall. Patty recommended concentrating on the area North of Highway #3, Pinecrest Road, Cedar Bay Road, and Second Concession near Pinty's. The concerns that farmers may raise were briefly discussed. Deanna and

Richard have contacts with some of the farmers. George commented that this is a good item to start with setting a procedure of how the City handles protecting endangered species. Jack noted that although the Monarch Butterfly is not an endangered species they are species at risk and may become a protected species should farmers not cooperate. A subcommittee comprised of Deanna, George, Patty and Richard will create a plan to move forward. The plan will be brought back to the committee for the January meeting and by February everything will be in place to go to Council for approval and to meet with the farmers/landowners.

#### **Painting of Ships While in the Canal**

Staff provided a copy of the motion to Council regarding painting of ships while in the canal for information purposes. The motion was approved by Council as presented.

#### **Niagara Restoration Program Funding for Ash Borer tree removal**

Deanna advised that the City is eligible for funding under this program and that funding is going quickly, therefore if the City is interested they need to contact the Niagara Restoration Council as soon as possible. Yvon advised that the City's budget for tree removal will affect the City's ability to take advantage of the funding. Deanna explained how the landowner can make money on harvesting the wood from the trees that are taken down and advised that Allison and Dan from the NRC will meet with the City's Forester and walk the sites and explain the process. Janice will contact Dave Sabo and put him in contact with the appropriate persons.

#### **List of Acceptable Trees for Tree Rebate Final Draft**

This item is deferred to the next meeting. Jack advised that he has had requests for the Pawpaw tree to be included on this list.

### **4. New/Other Business**

#### **Niagara Restoration Council Request for Support**

Staff provided a copy of a request for support from the Niagara Restoration Council for a project they are seeking funding for. (A copy of the request is attached). Deanna explained that the Niagara Restoration Council is asking for a letter of endorsement to put pollinator gardens in public parks.

Moved by Yvon Doucet  
Seconded by Barbara Butters

That this item be referred to Council recommending the City send a letter of endorsement to the Niagara Restoration Council.  
CARRIED.

#### **Membership Question – Deanna**

Deanna advised that she has recently moved out of Port Colborne and asked for clarification as to whether she is required to resign as a member due to her change in Municipal Residence.

Staff will obtain clarification from the City Clerk and advise Deanna.

**Subsidy for Removal of Ash Trees on Woodland Areas - George**

George asked Deanna to inquire if the Ministry is subsidizing the removal of Ash trees on woodland areas. Deanna will inquire and advise at the next meeting.

**5. Next Meeting/Adjourn**

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Moved by Yvon Doucet  
Seconded by Deanna Lindblad

That with no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.  
CARRIED.