



**Meeting  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: Barb Butters  
Bea Kenny  
Yvon Doucet

Staff: Derek Hemauer  
Chris Lee  
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Beth Palma  
Ryan Waines  
Jack Hellinga  
George McKibbon  
Patti Stirling  
Richard Lord

Regrets: Paul Ruzycki  
Deanna Lindblad  
Larry Fontaine

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**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 Patti Stirling  
Seconded by Beth Palma

That the minutes of June 11, 2014 be accepted as amended.  
CARRIED.

**3. Guest – Patty Moss re: Timing of Roadside Cuttings and Its Benefits for Pollinators**

Patty Moss, of 776 Chippawa Road appeared before the committee to request delay of roadside mowings from July 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> and also to reduce the area being cut, so that Monarch Butterflies will have a dependable supply of Milkweed, an important food source for the larvae of the Monarch and a place for the Monarch to lay eggs.

Patty responded to comments and questions of committee members. The committee discussed this request with respect to the grass cutting policy,

having a pollinator protection plan, safety concerns, farmers' fields and ditch cleaning. This item was referred to the next meeting where the committee will decide what action they would like to take.

Patty advised that she would also be presenting this request at the next Council meeting (September 22).

#### **4. Items Arising from Previous Minutes**

##### **Reply from SLSA staff re: painting of ships in the Canal**

The committee discussed the response received from SLSA regarding painting of the ships while in the canal.

Moved by Jack Hellinga  
Seconded by George McKibbon

Whereas the Environmental Advisory Committee has received concerns regarding ships that were painted in the Canal last winter,

That Council be asked to question the Saint Lawrence Seaway Authority (SLSA) as to what measures they have in place for painting of ships in the Canal, especially those measures that are related to our water intake.  
CARRIED.

The committee would like to be advised of the policy that the SLSA has in place for this matter, in order to respond to citizens concerns.

##### **Recycling containers in City Parks**

Chris advised that all recycling containers are in place except for the Skate Park (this will be in soon). Weekly collection has taken place.

##### **Budget Update**

Chris provided an update on the current budget.

Beginning balance in 2014 was \$21,000. \$750 was reserved for the tree rebate program, \$9000 for recycling containers and \$3500 for the toilet rebate program. \$2450 has been expensed for the toilet rebate program so far, nothing has been expensed for the tree rebate program. The annual quote for Collection of recycling containers is quoted at \$1627. annually.

Bea asked the committee to consider using any remaining funds for planting trees on the boulevard of Steele Street, on the East side of Steele from Charlotte on, as many of the old trees are now gone. Bea commented that there is one beautiful tree left and that she would like to have that same kind planted.

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

This item has been deferred to the next meeting as Deanna was not in attendance.

### **Trees qualifying for boulevard planting**

Chris advised that City policy is to not plant trees on boulevards and that the committee could ask Council to change the policy, possibly once an appropriate list of acceptable trees is completed by Chris and Deanna.

Chris advised that staff has been asked to bring forward a Tree policy that will go to Council soon.

### **List of acceptable trees for Tree Rebate final draft**

This item has been deferred to the next meeting as Deanna was not in attendance.

Chris advised that we are trying to plant trees that won't be affected by the Ash Borer. Jack asked if the list includes fruit trees. Chris said that he would bring the list to the committee once he has reviewed it with Deanna.

Jack commented that residents in California are grafting fruit trees onto existing trees, taking advantage of the hardy base of the trees.

Barb commented that she would like to see some shrubs included in the list. Beth said she would like to see the tree replanted at the corner of Food Basics.

## **5. New/Other Business**

### **Review of committee mandate – Bea**

The committee terms of reference was distributed to members for review, as someone commented to Bea that they felt the committee was not following their mandate. Bea asked members to review the terms of reference and advise if they thought there was anything the committee was doing that was not part of its mandate.

### **GMO labelling – Jack**

Jack advised that Vermont has passed a motion that will require labels on genetically engineered foods sold at retail outlets in Vermont.

## **6. Next Meeting/Adjourn**

Yvon advised that the next meeting is the last meeting before the new Council.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Moved by Beth Palma  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That with no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned at 7:15  
p.m.  
CARRIED.