



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
September 9th, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Angie Desmarais

Staff: Derek Hemauer
Janice Peyton

Public Members: George McKibbon
Beth Palma
Patty Sterling
Richard Lord
Tim Hoyle
Ryan Waines
Jack Hellinga

Regrets: Deanna Lindblad
Paul Ruzycki
Barb Butters
Yvon Doucet

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 Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Patti Sterling

That the minutes of March 11, 2015 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

Moved by Ryan Waines
Seconded by Angie Desmarais

That the minutes of May 13, 2015 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

3. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

- a) **Delaying Rural Roadside Cutting on Municipal Roads Report 2015-126 Information Report Establishing Monarch Butterfly Habitat (Approved by Council July 13, 2015.)**

Report 2015-126 was provided for information. This report was received and approved by Council on July 13, 2015.

Beth provided an update on delaying roadside cuttings. Patty Moss attended the market on August 21st. An information update on the progress of the delayed cuttings was distributed. Live Monarchs were released. All of the information was well received and patrons seemed very interested.

Beth advised she spoke to Patty about expanding the area of delaying roadside cuttings, however, Patty advised she feels it would be a bit premature to expand on the area at this time.

Derek advised that some of the signs along the roadsides with delayed cuttings have gone missing. Derek will inquire if those signs have been replaced and the number of signs that are remaining.

Jack suggested Trillium Railway be approached about letting Milkweed grow in the right of way, possibly between Cedar Bay Road and Pinecrest Road, along the North and South sides. Derek will discuss possible drainage work along the Trillium trail with the Drainage Superintendent prior to moving forward with this suggestion.

b) 2015 Budget Recycle Bins

Derek reported that Chris has been in contact with the Region regarding the purchase of additional recycle bins. The Region advised that in order to receive the discounted pricing for the bins, they have to be ordered in advance of the Region setting their budget. Now is the time to apply for 2016. Possible locations for additional bins were discussed, those being along the trail at the crossroads, at McRae Avenue and Fraser Street, Seaway Park along Welland Street and from Seaway Park to the drainage pond.

Moved by Beth Palma
Seconded by Angie Desmarais

That Chris apply for additional recycling bins, within the budget limit set by the EAC, and that locations of the bins be determined in conjunction with the Region.

CARRIED.

c) Dog Park Plantings – Deferred to the next meeting.

d) Flavours 2015

There was not much to report on Flavours 2015 greening initiative as the event was mostly rained out.

4. **New/Other Business**

a) #KeepHydroPublic

This item was briefly discussed. The committee agreed that this topic is not within the mandate of this committee.

b) Pollinator Garden on JBL Property

Ryan advised that the pollinator garden on JBL property has worked out well. Milkweed has been planted along with 15 – 20 other native species plants. Results are successful. Ryan advised that Deanna would like to plant on the JBL berm.

c) Pollinator Gardens (private, schools)

The committee discussed the possibility of pollinator gardens on private property and on local school grounds. Patty has given an information lesson at McKay school and has been in contact with other schools. Beth has spoken to St. Patrick's school.

Private garden signs were briefly discussed.

Deanna has given Vale the NPCA contact information regarding pollinator gardens.

d) City Newsletter

The deadline for the Fall City Newsletter articles is Monday, September 14th, Beth will prepare an article and email to Janice for submission.

e) Painting of Ships While in the Canal

George raised the issue of painting of ships while in the canal. George advised that he recently reviewed the Regional Official Plan Amendment #5 and suggested that the committee ask some questions of the authors, relative to environmental management matters between the Federal Seaway Authority and the City. All in attendance were in agreement, George will prepare questions for submission to the Niagara Region Planning Department. The letter will be emailed to committee members prior to mailing.

5. **Next Meeting/Adjourn**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.