



City of Hamilton
KEEP HAMILTON CLEAN AND GREEN COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 21-004
Date: May 4, 2021
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall
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Present: **Chair:** Felicia Van Dyk
 Vice-Chair: Lennox Toppin
 Members: Brenda Duke
 Jen Baker
 Paulina Szczepanski
 Kerry Jarvi
 Sue Dunlop
 Heather Donison
 Leisha Dawson
 Michelle Tom
 Diana Meskauskas

Absent: **Councilor N. Nann**
 Marisa Di Censo

Also present:
Raffaella Morello, Senior Project Manager, Business Programs
Diane Butterworth, Clean and Green Coordinator, Business Programs
Theresa Phair, Community Liaison Coordinator, Business Programs
Nolan Clark, Dundas Secondary Student, Guest Presenter



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THE KEEP HAMILTON CLEAN & GREEN COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE MARCH 16, 2021 MINUTES AND RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

1. Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021 (Item 1.1)

(Duke/Jarvi)

- (i) That Heather Donison be appointed as Chair for the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Advisory Committee for 2021.

CARRIED

(Donison/Jarvi)

- (ii) That Paulina Szczepanski be appointed as Vice-Chair for the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Advisory Committee for 2021.

CARRIED

2. Clean and Green Neighbourhood Funding (Item 9.2)

That the following grants be approved:

(Donison/Szczepanski)

- (a) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee approves Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding of \$1000 for Beautiful Alley's April 17th, 2021 Spring Alley and May 1st, 2021 CN property cleanup projects as recommended by the Grants Working Group,

(Jarvi/Szczepanski)

- (b) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee approves Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding of \$500 for the Blackheath Binbrook Lions Club's Binbrook Conservation Area cleanup as recommended by the Grants Working Group,

(Szczeppanski/Donison)

- (c) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee approves Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding of \$1000 for the Corktown Neighbourhood Association's park cleanups, gardening workshops and native planting initiative as recommended by the Grants Working Group,

(Donison/Jarvi)

- (d) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee approves Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding of \$325 for the Stinson Community



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Association's one-time hyper location cleanup as recommended by the Grants Working Group,

(e) **(Baker/Donison)**

That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee approves Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding of \$350 for the Stinson Community Association's Carter and Bishop's Parks as recommended by the Grants Working Group,

(Jarvi/Donison)

- (f) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee approves Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding of \$500 for Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture's tree planting initiative using the Miyawaki Forests method as recommended by the Grants Working Group,

(Szczepanski/Baker)

- (g) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee approves Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding of \$500 to the Stinson Community Association and the Corktown Neighbourhood Association for a cleanup of Corktown Park and the Rail Trail, from Corktown Park to Wentworth Avenue as recommended by the Grants Working Group.

CARRIED

That the following grants be denied:

(Duke/Tom)

- (a) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee does not approve Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding for Trisha Iszkula's downtown area cleanup team initiative by the Grants Working Group. Feedback will be provided to this applicant to improve future applications,

(Donison/Baker)

- (b) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee does not approve Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding for the Hamilton Malayalee Samajam tree planting initiative as recommended by the Grants Working Group. Feedback will be provided to this applicant to improve future applications,

(Donison/Szczepanski)

- (c) That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee does not approve Clean & Green Neighbourhood funding for the Powell Park community garden sprinkler system installation project as recommended by the



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Grants Working Group. Feedback will be provided to this applicant to improve future applications.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Staff Liaison advised the Committee of the following change to the agenda:

- (i) The addition of a written delegation, from Hamilton resident, Adam Spence (Item *6.1).

(Donison/Jarvi)

That the agenda for the March 16, 2021 Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Baker/Szczepanski)

- (i) Heather Donison declared a personal conflict of interest regarding item 9.1 Clean and Green Neighbourhood Grant and would no longer be able to speak to Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture's 2021 Clean and Green Neighbourhood Grant application submission as she is currently employed by the grantee.

(Baker/Szczepanski)

- (i) Brenda Duke declared a personal conflict of interest regarding item 9.1 Clean and Green Neighbourhood Grant and would no longer be able to speak to the grant application submitted by Vania Pagniello as she has provided background assistance with this project.

CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- (i) **February 23, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

(Baker/Jarvi)

That the agenda for the February 23, 2021 Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee meeting be approved as presented.



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CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Introduction of new Committee Members (Item 5.1)

The Committee welcomed and introduced new Members, Diana Meskauskas and Michelle Thom.

(Toppin/Donison)

That the welcome and introduction respecting new Committee Members, Diana Meskauskas and Michelle Thom, be received as presented.

CARRIED

7. WRITTEN DELEGATIONS

(i) Written delegation received (Item *6.1)

A written delegation was received from Hamilton resident, Adam Spence, respecting dog feces and bags of dog feces scattered around City Parks.

(Toppin/Baker)

That the written delegation from Adam Spence, requesting to provide a formal presentation to the Committee respecting dog feces and bags of dog feces scattered around City Parks at the May 4th Committee meeting, be approved.

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Eco-Walking Presentation and Informal Cleanups Discussion with Dundas S.S. Student, Nolan Clark (Item 9.1)

Grade 12, Dundas Secondary School student Nolan Clark, provided a comprehensive presentation to the Committee on his Eco-Walking initiative, discussing how he uses a five-step process to successfully initiate and maintain environmentally focused community projects through:

- Generating an idea;
- Gaining support;



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- Developing a practice;
- Engaging others; and
- Seeking new opportunities

The Committee praised Nolan Clark for his tremendous efforts in helping to keep the local environment clean and green and thanked him for his inspirational presentation.

(Jarvi/Baker)

That the presentation given by Nolan Clark, respecting his Eco-Walking initiative and associated project strategies, be received as presented.

CARRIED

9. MOTION

(i) Program revisions to the Clean and Green Neighbourhood Grant Program (Item 11.1)

(Duke/Donison)

WHEREAS, the recommendations from the Adjudication Working Group and feedback from the Committee respecting the 2021 Clean and Green Neighbourhood Grant process, be further developed for consideration:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) That, the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Advisory Committee formally request that Committee Members work with Staff to investigate and implement improvements to the Clean and Green Neighbourhood Grant program:
 - (i) That, a Working Group be established to lead the investigation and implementation of program improvements,
 - (ii) That, the Working Group consult with Staff,
 - (iii) That, the Working Group report back to the Committee regularly, with information updates as a standing agenda item; and
 - (iv) That, the following Committee Members have volunteered for the Working Group:



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- Lennox Toppin
- Brenda Duke
- Paulina Szczepanski
- Felicia Van Dyk

CARRIED

10. AJOURNMENT

(Baker/Donison)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

CARRIED

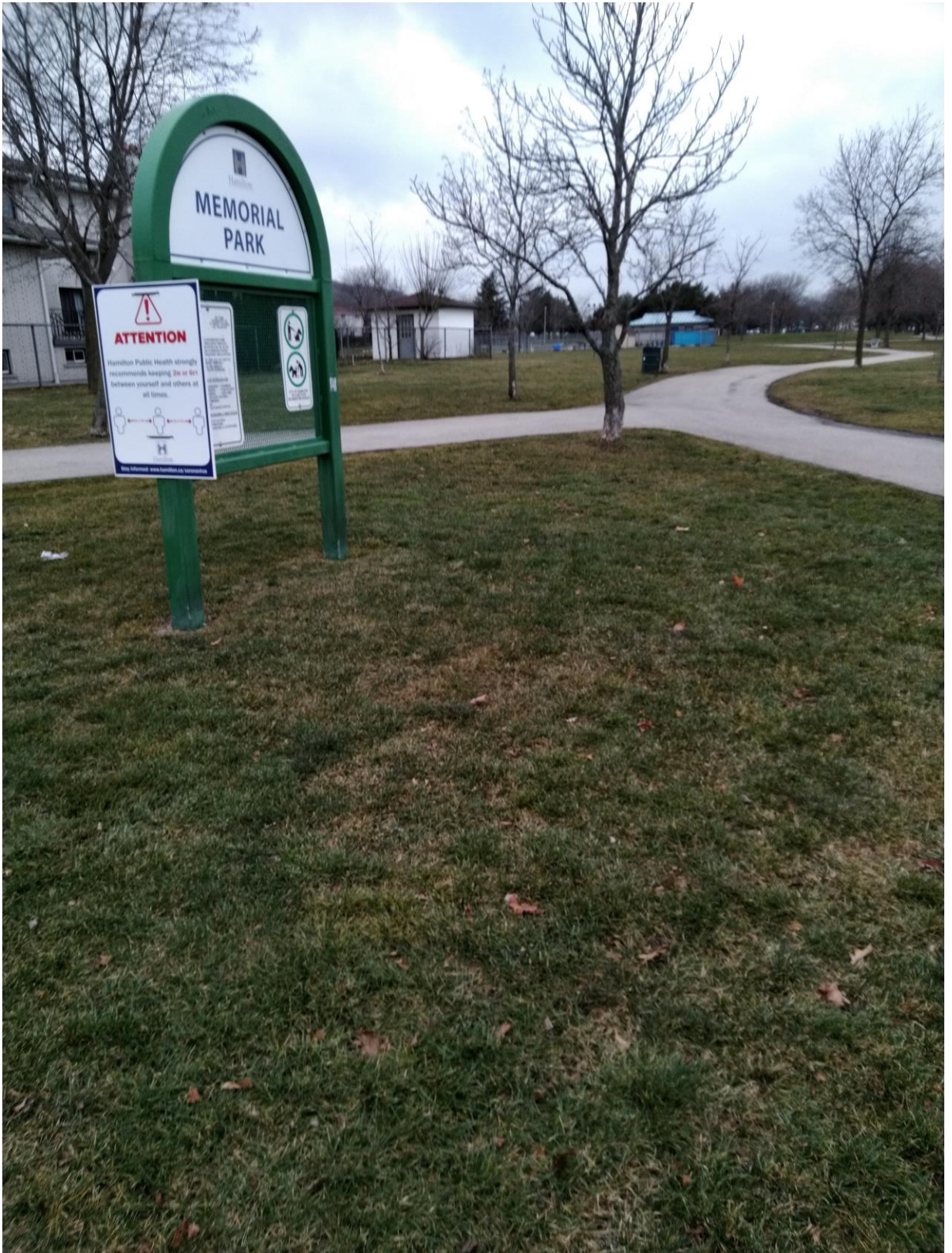
Respectfully submitted,

Felicia Van Dyk
Chair, Keep Hamilton Clean and Green
Committee

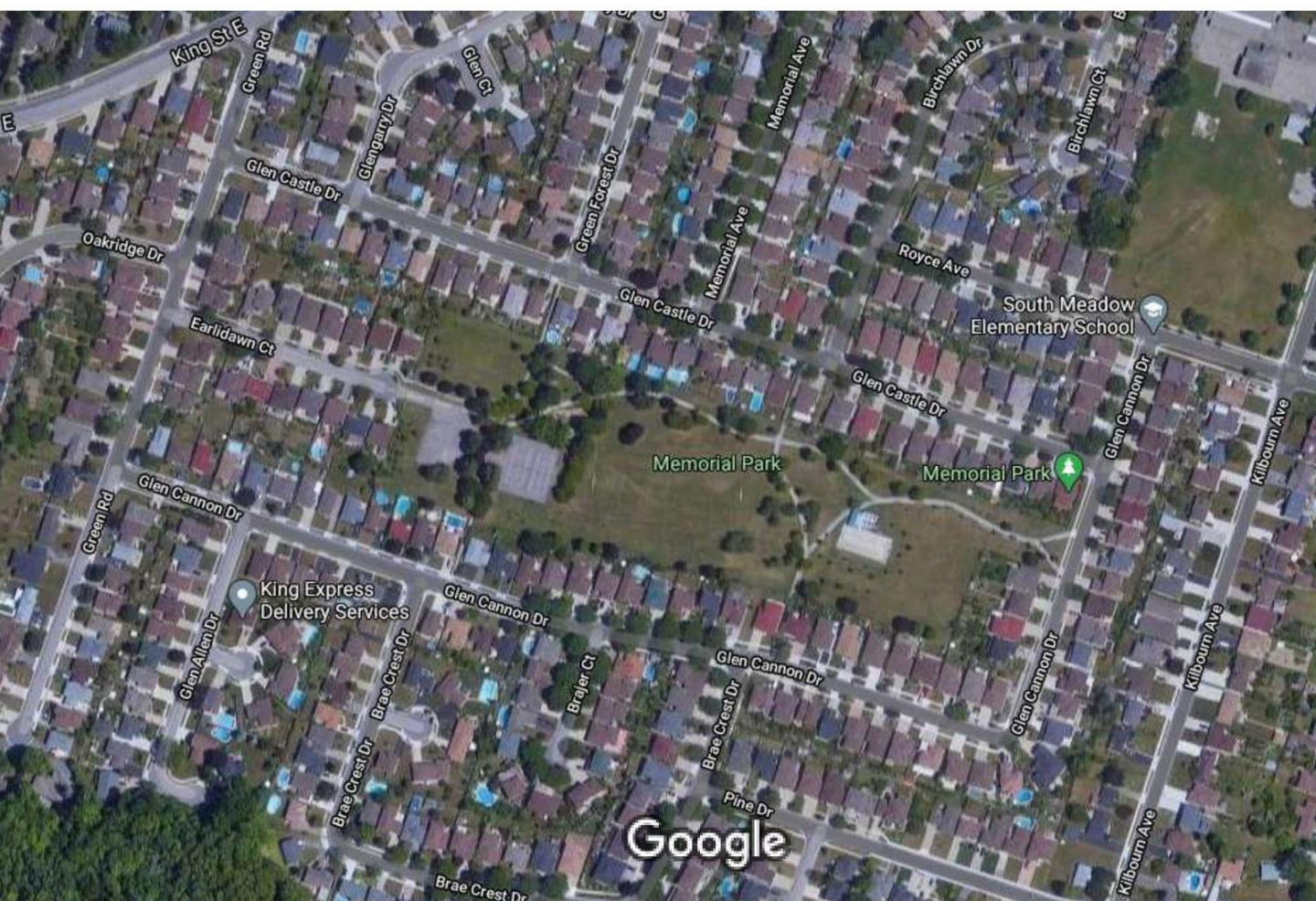
Diane Butterworth
Clean & Green Coordinator, Business Programs
Environmental Services Division, Public Works Department

Dog feces in parks

Memorial Park in ward 10 Hamilton



Maps



Base Solution

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Memorial park has 6 entrances.

The main entrance at the east end with the signs as shown previously shown.

A parking entrance at the west end.

Two entrances on south side between houses.

Two entrances on north side between houses.

There are two waste bins, one near the entrance as previously shown, the other is close to the centre of the park.

Feces on grass



Bags



Hamilton Spectator Article

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Why do so many dog owners refuse to scoop poo?

Local parks, cemeteries and even sidewalks are fecal minefields during a pandemic spring when everyone wants to be outside

MATTHEW VAN DONGEN
THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

It's the squishy sign of spring that forces you to tiptoe through the fecal field of nightmares that was once your local park.

Dog poop. A week of melting snow and suddenly all you can

see is feces — on trails and sidewalks, in baseball diamonds, cemeteries and park grass.

"It's so gross. A lot of people seem to think it's OK to hide the stuff in the snow, but guess what? It's still there in the spring," said city parks head Kara Bunn,

whose department is starting to field calls from residents demanding park cleanups.

She has to give them a heavy "doody" dose of reality instead. "No one is going to pick up after your

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dog. We don't have the staffing to do that ... it's just everywhere."

It's hard to quantify if 2021 is especially crappy for park users. Bunn noted the poop problem may be more noticeable because more people are spending pandemic time outdoors.

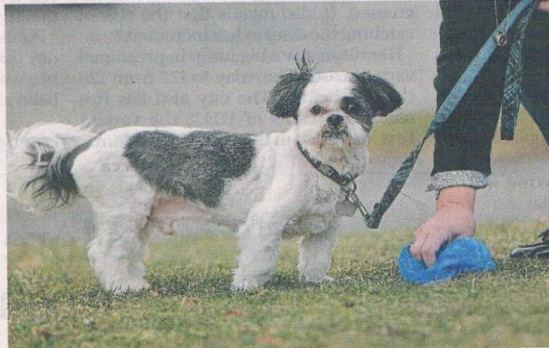
But just do the daunting math. An estimated 85,000 pet dogs live in Hamilton, said city Animal Services head Brad Potts. That's up from roughly 70,000 in 2016.

A healthy dog makes a doonation between once and five times a day. Some studies say the average canine produces about a kilogram of poop every five days, or 73 kilograms a year.

Depressing surveys in the United States suggest scoopers represent only 60 per cent of dog owners.

The resulting leftovers are a health and environmental risk, says the Canadian Public Health Association, which notes kids are especially susceptible to diseases carried in dog feces.

And unless neighbourhood volunteers come to the rescue, most of that abandoned poop



BARRY GRAY THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

An estimated 85,000 pet dogs live in Hamilton.

will wash down storm drains and into beloved water bodies like Cootes Paradise — which has enough problems with human waste.

It's not clear why so few people are willing to scoop. But Bunn said areas with "fewer eyes" — like alleys or less prominent parks — are hot spots for no-scoop poops. "If more people are watching, you get better compliance," she said.

Brenda Duke's home backs onto one of those hot spots, Birch Avenue park. Poop piles old and new littered the grass and even the sidewalk at the park Wednesday.

Duke, who helps organize the annual Beautiful Alleys cleanup, is willing to cheerfully chase down and offer poop bags to "forgetful" dog owners in her backyard park, but the messes still pile up.

It's no excuse in her view, but Duke said she wonders if the city's winter removal of some park trash cans contributes to the poop-scoop strike.

Some park trash cans are removed across the city, including near trails, to cut the workload for city staff needed for winter duties, said Bunn.

Duke said some irritated dog walkers on Birch have respond-

ed by leaving dog doo near a sundial in nearby Powell Park. "People were calling it the Powell Park poop pole for a while," she said.

More city trash cans will be reinstalled in parks as summer approaches. But is there anything else the city can do?

You can be fined \$65 for ignoring Hamilton's stoop-and-scoop bylaw and the city responded to nearly 200 complaints about unscooped poo last year, said Potts.

But only 15 charges were laid — and all against private property owners who didn't clean up smelly yards when asked. "It's really hard to prove that someone left dog poop in a park ... unless you see it happen," said Potts.

Hamilton also installed special pet waste receptacles at Grove cemetery, the Hill Street dog park and Bayfront Park as part of a composting pilot in 2019. That pilot is on hold over concerns the material was being incinerated, rather than "recycled" by the Waterloo recycling contractor, said Bunn, but more locations could be considered next year.

Matthew Van Dongen is a Hamilton-based reporter covering transportation for The Spectator. mvandongen@thespec.com

Suggested Solution

Bins at all entry points, with signage and poop bags.

Newsletter to all residents close to park indicating safety and health concerns, and that changes have been made and facilities are available.

Article in Stoney Creek News to notify about improvements in the park and to encourage compliance.



2021 KEEP HAMILTON CLEAN & GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Work Plan Focus Areas

- 1. Litter**
- 2. Illegal Dumping**
- 3. Beautification**
- 4. Graffiti**
- 5. Environmental Stewardship**
- 6. Other**

Area of Focus	Action	Implementation Stream	Timeline (start date)	Lead	Potential Partners	Possible Committee actions / role (for discussion purpose only)
Litter	Use Team-Up to Clean-Up data to inform future engagement efforts regarding litter.	Partnerships Education	2019	City Staff (technical work) with Committee Support (input on how to use the data)	Community/Neighbourhood groups	Invite City staff to present technical work at a Cmte meeting; Cmte members to provide advice and feedback. Committee to review list of TUTCU participants (formal groups) and recommend other groups for City staff to engage with.
Litter	Spread the message of anti-littering	Partnerships	2021	City Staff and Committee Members	Environmental groups Community/Neighbourhood groups Schools and students Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Great Shoreline Clean-Up Stewards of Cootes	Share Great Canadian Shoreline data card/annual results
Litter	Educate the public about the impacts of litter on Hamilton's natural environment	Education	2022	City Staff with Committee Support	Schools and students Stewards of Cootes Neighbourhood groups Great Shoreline Clean-Up Business Improvement Areas	Committee to consult with community organizations and residents about key challenges/issues to develop messaging/themes

Illegal Dumping

Area of Focus	Action	Implementation Stream	Timeline (start date)	Lead	Potential Partners	Possible Committee actions / role (for discussion purpose only)
Illegal dumping	Provide education on free large-item removal to prevent illegal dumping.	Education (staff and public)	2020	City Staff with Committee Support	Residents	Committee to consult with City staff and external groups about commonly dumped item and dumping areas Consider implementing or funding appropriate action (e.g. social media campaign)
Illegal dumping	Foster a sense of pride and beautify neighbourhoods historically known as being dumping grounds.	Events Partnerships	2021	City Staff with Committee Support	Community/Neighbourhood groups Residents/Local Champions	Consider hosting or supporting neighbourhood "bin day" events in partnership with local groups
Illegal dumping	Educate community on the reporting process for illegal dumping bylaw enforcement.	Education	2022	Committee Members	City Staff	Invite City staff to present their work to the Committee and provide feedback on process improvements

Beautification

Area of Focus	Action	Implementation Stream	Timeline (start date)	Lead	Potential Partners	Possible Committee actions / role (for discussion purpose only)
Beautification	Implement de-pave projects across the City to add more garden space.	Events Education	2022	City Staff with Committee Support	Green Venture Community/Neighbourhood groups	Invite Green Venture to present their work to the Committee Consider participation or possible sponsorship
Beautification	Promote pollinator and gardens including native plants.	Education	2021	City Staff with Committee Support	Hamilton Naturalists Club Environment Hamilton Green Venture Community/Neighbourhood groups	Invite organization to present their work to the Committee Consider participation or possible sponsorship
Beautification	Develop a reputation for being a beautiful city through beautification and landscaping in the city (i.e. gateway and medians).	Partnerships Programs	On-going	City Staff with Committee Support	City Staff (e.g. horticulture) Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) Community/Neighbourhood groups Tourism Hamilton	Committee could participate in the Mum Show (e.g. create and deliver a booth or sponsor a workshop in 2020 for 100 th anniversary)

Area of Focus	Action	Implementation Stream	Timeline (start date)	Lead	Potential Partners	Possible Committee actions / role (for discussion purpose only)
Graffiti	Continue providing support for victims of graffiti.	Programs	On-going	City Staff with Committee Support	Community/Neighbourhood groups	Continue providing funds for graffiti initiatives Encourage public use of graffiti reporting tools Provide feedback and advice on development of a "Graffiti Angels" volunteer cleanup program
Graffiti	Support "green" graffiti and art projects through partnerships with local artists and youth.	Events Partnerships	2019	City Staff with Committee Support	Local artists Youth Schools and students Community/Neighbourhood groups City Councillors	Provide funding and feedback on legal art wall pilot projects Support and promote Concrete Canvas event and activities

Environmental Stewardship

Area of Focus	Action	Implementation Stream	Timeline (start date)	Lead	Potential Partners	Possible Committee actions / role (for discussion purpose only)
Environmental Stewardship	Support the development of a private tree protection by-law.	Engagement/ Consultation	On-going	Committee Members	City Staff Environmental Groups	Invite City staff to present to the Committee, provide feedback and advice Provide letter of support when staff report re. bylaws are considered by City Council or Committees
Environmental Stewardship	Build relationships with local environmental groups to support climate change mitigation projects.	Partnerships	On-going	City Staff and Committee Members	Environment Hamilton Hamilton Naturalists Club Green Venture Bay Area Restoration Council Eco-Schools Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College	Invite groups to present to Committee Provide funding (through C&G grants) to local groups
Environmental Stewardship	Increase green infrastructure across the City to support stormwater management.	Programs Education	2021	City Staff with Committee Support	Green Venture Environment Hamilton Hamilton Naturalists Club Community/Neighbourhood groups	Build awareness based on participation “depave” activity above
Environmental Stewardship	Provide education on the value of trees to increase the canopy.	Education Events	2020	City Staff with Committee Support	Hamilton Naturalists Club Environment Hamilton Community/Neighbourhood groups	Invite City staff to present to the Committee about the City’s free street tree program and provide advice about promoting the program Connect with community tree planting organizations to learn about their initiatives

Other

Area of Focus	Action	Implementation Stream	Timeline (start date)	Lead	Potential Partners	Possible Committee actions / role (for discussion purpose only)
Other	Update the Hamilton Clean and Green Strategy (and include metrics for reporting on progress to the community and Council).	Refresh of Strategy	2020	Committee Members with Staff Support	Environmental groups Community/Neighbourhood groups Local businesses	Provide input to staff Assist in development of a public opinion survey Recommend stakeholders
Other	Recognize Clean and Green leaders for their work.	Awards Incentives	On-going	City Staff with Committee Support	Environmentalist of the Year Planning Committee	Create organization, individual or project profiles on Clean & Green facebook page Fund an Environmentalist of the Year sub-category (e.g. youth) award
Other	Support resident-driven Clean and Green initiatives.	Partnerships	On-going	Committee Members with Staff Support	Community/Neighbourhood groups Residents	Continue to provide Clean & Green grants Celebrate and acknowledge grant recipients
Other	Engage communities on Clean and Green projects and encourage behaviour change.	Education Grants	On-going	Committee Members with Staff Support	Residents Community/Neighbourhood groups	Host guest speaker events



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