Clean City Liaison Committee



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Wednesday, April 18, 2012 5:00 p.m. Room 222, Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Ron Speranzini (Chair)

Clr. Chad Collins Marisa Di Censo John Hawker Clr. Tom Jackson Robin McKee

Phil Homerski (Staff Liaison)

Regrets: Brad Rich

Mac Sparrow George Zolis

Guests: Municipal Law Enforcement – Kelly Barnett

1. Approval of Agenda

P. Homerski reported that K. Boyer was unable to attend today's meeting to present her Strategies to Achieve Results Through Urban Partnerships (StArt-Up) proposal and has requested to present at the May meeting.

That Item 5.1 be held over to the February meeting and that the remainder of the meeting agenda be accepted as written. HAWKER/COLLINS

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2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Welcome and introductions

Marisa Di Censo was welcomed as the new member appointed as the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board representative. Ms. Di Censo is Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, has a keen interest in environmental stewardship and plays an active role on HWCDSB's environmental committee.

P. Homerski informed the committee that the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the Hamilton Youth

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Advisory Committee have asked that the appointment of their representatives be postponed until the fall.

Public Works Committee's Interview Sub-committee is scheduled to meet to interview citizen candidates on April 30, 2012. Contingent upon Council approval, it is anticipated that the new membership will be in place by mid-June.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Approval – Minutes of January 19 Meeting

That the minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting of the Clean City Liaison Committee be accepted as written. COLLINS/HAWKER

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4.2 Business Arising – Minutes of January 19 Meeting

There was no business arising.

4.3 Approval – Minutes of February 2 Special Meeting

That the minutes of the February 2, 2012 special meeting of the Clean City Liaison Committee be accepted as written.

HAWKER/COLLINS

CARRIED

4.4 Business Arising – Minutes of February 2 Special Meeting

There was no business arising.

5. Presentations

5.1 Strategies to Achieve Results Through Urban Partnerships (Start-Up)

Presentation rescheduled for the May 16, 2012 meeting.

6. CCLC Terms of Reference

P. Homerski informed the committee that a revised version of the CCLC's Terms of Reference will be introduced as a Housekeeping Amendment at an upcoming Public Works Committee meeting to address several matters raised by the City Clerk's Office.

7. Subcommittee Reports

7.1 Business & Retail Waste Diversion

It was suggested that the planning of the next Clean & Green Business Workshop could be one of the first projects of the new committee membership. R. McKee suggested that the timing of the workshop be reviewed to assess whether offering it in the spring when the clean up programs start up again would be feasible.

7.2 Council Committee Reports

J. Hawker reported that the Planning and Economic Development department had presented the revised report on Litter, Illegal Dumping and Escaped Waste at the April 18, 2012 General Issues Committee. This report recommends employing students and purchasing vehicles and equipment for a 12 month pilot project for enforcement and surveillance of illegal dumping trouble locations as previously identified by Councillors.

8. Keep Hamilton Beautiful (KAB)

8.1 KAB Grants

- P. Homerski reported that Keep Hamilton Beautiful had received notification that CCLC/Keep Hamilton Beautiful was successful at securing two grants for partner groups. A \$5,000 UPS/KAB Community Improvement Grant has been awarded for Hamilton Community Gardens Network's Small Space Gardens project. A \$5,000 Lowe's Community Improvement Grant has been awarded for Green Venture's Davis Creek Cleanup project.
- R. Speranzini noted that CCLC/Keep Hamilton Beautiful was the only non-US affiliate to receive these grants. Formal media announcements are proposed with the respective partner groups.
- P. Homerski noted that the Coca Cola Bin Grants are to be announced shortly.

9. Staff and Stakeholder Reports

9.1 City Departments

Municipal Law Enforcement

K. Barnett reported that her office had been receiving several graffiti complaints from frustrated residents

whose properties abut City property. She has met with the Acting Manager of Parks about working with residents on planting and maintaining plants on abutting City parks properties to help prevent graffiti and vandalism on fences and structures. She has also done site visits with staff from Roads and Horticulture to look at properties that would benefit from this initiative.

MLE and Public Works staff have been working with the Neighbourhood Development Strategy group on issues in the Stinson Neighbourhood. Concrete abutments around the CP Rail tracks and beautification initiatives around Carter Park and the Rail Trail have been discussed. Graffiti murals, public art and an Extreme Park Makeover project are some of the initiatives being explored.

Operations & Waste Management

P. Homerski reported that the Tim Hortons Team Up to Clean Up Spring Blitz is well underway. This year, to contain costs of supplies, registration of student participation was restricted to individual classrooms rather than whole school populations. Registration of student participants from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board closed on April 13. In the Catholic Board, four of the seven secondary schools and 22 of the 50 elementary schools registered to participate. In the Public Board, seven of the 18 secondary schools and 35 of the 95 elementary and middle schools registered to participate. From both Boards, the registered student participants total approximately 12,200. Registrations for groups and individuals were still being accepted and the numbers look very encouraging. P. Homerski also noted that several more Councillor-hosted events were planned this April.

P. Homerski noted that the \$12,000 contribution from CCLC for the purchase of Team Up to Clean Up supplies as approved in the committee's 2012 budget will be expensed to cover a portion of the costs of bags and gloves.

P. Homerski reported that an update session for the Clean & Safe Crown Point Railway Neighbourhood Project is being planned for May.

Hamilton Police Service

No report.

9.2 Other Public

There were no public delegation requests.

10. New Business

- J. Hawker suggested that the new membership might consider asking the Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair (BASEF) organizers for a list of projects to see which might fit with clean and green initiatives. He noted that CCLC supported BASEF in previous years with a special award and volunteer judges.
- J. Hawker suggested CCLC members read the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review Final Draft.
- Clr. Collins reported that he was working with staff on providing dispensers of biodegradable bags for pet waste along the Waterfront Trail.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next monthly meeting of the Clean City Liaison Committee will take place Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 5:00 pm, Room 222, Hamilton City Hall.