

MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Room 192, Hamilton City Hall**  
**71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

**Present:** Larry Husack – Chair  
John Hawker – Vice-chair  
Marisa DiCenso  
Adrian Hucal  
Cllr. Chad Collins  
Cllr. Tom Jackson  
Sinan Mohatarem  
Shane Ormerod  
Ron Speranzini  
Bruce Thomson  
Allyson Wenzowski  
Phil Homerski (Staff Liaison)  
Linda Bevan (recorder)

**Regrets:** Krysta Boyer  
Aaron Puley

**Guests:** Rob Norman (Director of Strategic Planning)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed all the members. There were no guests.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

P. Homerski requested that item "9.3 Hamilton Environmentalist of the Year Nomination" and item "9.4 Sharing Experiences Workshop" be added to today's agenda.

*That the agenda be accepted as amended.*  
THOMSON/HAWKER

CARRIED

**3. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**4.1 Approval of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the February 18th, 2014 meeting be accepted as amended.*

THOMSON/HUCAL

CARRIED

**4.2 Business Arising**

P. Homerski reported on item 9.2 that our attempts to contact someone at the local UPS offices were not

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successful. The grant application deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 cannot be met.

### **5. Presentations**

#### **5.1 Clean & Green Hamilton Strategy 2013 Year-End Update**

P. Homerski presented the PowerPoint slide presentation that he will deliver at the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 General Issues Committee meeting. The presentation focused on the Clean and Green Hamilton Strategy 2013 Year-End Update. P. Homerski presented a summary of each of the strategy's five program pillars and their individual 2013 results.

### **6. Consent Items**

#### **6.1 2014 Team Up to Clean Up Blitz**

P. Homerski provided an update on the preparation and promotion of the April Blitz. The Team Up to Clean Up (TUTCU) 2014 targets are:

- 10,000 citizen registrants
- 100% HWCDSB schools (48 elementary, 7 secondary)
- 50% HWDSB schools (50 elementary/middle, 10 secondary)
- Community Improvement Report returns: 50% of citizens, 80% of schools

Starting this year, the school boards will handle their own registrations. The City website will direct teachers to their respective coordinators; Aaron Puley (HWDSB) and Paul Beaudette (HWCDSB).

The TUTCU Launch Day will take place on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at The Spectator Auditorium. A media event will take place at 12:00pm. Invitations have been extended to the Mayor, Tim Hortons representatives and local media. P. Homerski emphasized the need for volunteers from the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee's attendance at this event. Students from St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School's Green Team will join us to assist with the packaging of supplies. Members of the public can both register and pick up their supplies on site.

The Team Up To Clean Up April Blitz Wrap-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Birge Park. This event will coincide with a CN railway corridor cleanup that morning.

**7. Discussion Items**

**7.1 Litter Prevention**

**a) Cigarette Litter Prevention Program**

P. Homerski reported that the City of Hamilton is the recipient of a \$1,500 cheque from Keep America Beautiful. These funds will be used to support cigarette litter programs in Hamilton. P. Homerski continues to work with staff on the development of a cigarette litter prevention program for the Hamilton BIAS.

**b) Roadside Litter**

P. Homerski confirmed that the Roads & Maintenance staff will include in the contractor's requirements the collection and bagging of refuse along the Red Hill Valley Parkway at least once per season. This will allow for a repeat litter audit by KHCG volunteers, likely in May 2014.

**7.2 Illegal Dumping Prevention  
Public Engagement**

P. Homerski provided a report on the bulk waste bookings the city receives from the residents of Hamilton. He indicated that the information provided by the Waste Collections section showed a 48% increase in the period of April to December, 2013 for call-in requests by residents for bulk pick-ups. Multi-residential buildings and apartments have increased by 5% since the implementation of year-round bulk collection.

P. Homerski reported that he and the Public Works department will be working with Municipal Law Enforcement, CN Police and other City departments on a railway cleanup initiative in Ward 3. On the morning of May 10, volunteers from the Keith and Landsdale neighbourhoods will work in partnership with MLE, CN Police and Public Works to cleanup this illegal dumping hot spot location between Victoria Avenue North and Wentworth Street North. The cleanup event will be followed by the Team Up to Clean Up wrap-up media

event and barbeque at 12:00 pm.

**7.3 Graffiti Management**

P. Homerski reported that the Graffiti Management Report is scheduled to be tabled at the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 GIC meeting. All other graffiti items were deferred until April's meeting.

**7.4 Beautification and Greening**

**a) Clean & Green Neighbourhood Grants**

P. Homerski and R. Sperazini reported that they were unable to coordinate any correspondence with UPS and therefore had to forfeit the opportunity to apply for the UPS Tree Grant.

**7.5 Environmental Stewardship**

P. Homerski and A. Wenzowski will be meeting Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to discuss the large clean up initiatives further. Although budgets are not yet approved for neighbourhood grants; the committee will proceed with planning the eligibility and application process to allow groups to apply for events planned this spring.

P. Homerski suggested working with A. Moroz to develop the KHCG Neighbourhood Grants program. A Moroz is setting up a similar grant program for Adopt a Parks in Ward 2.

**Clean & Green Hamilton Charters**

No update.

**8. Keep America Beautiful (KAB)**

**8.1 Toronto CLPP Update**

P. Homerski reported that the three Toronto BIAs have shown interest in a KAB sponsored Cigarette Litter Pilot Program. P. Homerski will report back to the committee on the pilot project's progress. Toronto will mirror Hamilton and the KAB program's creative and initiatives to ensure consistency between cities.

**9. Other Business and General Information**

**9.1 Hamilton Environmental Summit 2014**

The Environmental Summit will be held at Mohawk College on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 from 8:00 am to

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4:00 pm. P. Homerski will follow up and gather more information on the summit and send out to committee members. Anyone interested in attending is to email P. Homerski.

### **9.2 Compost Giveaways**

P. Homerski provided the committee members with dates and locations of compost pickups for 2014.

Compost giveaways will be held on the following Saturdays:

- April 26 at 501 Shaver Road, Ancaster
- April 26 at 161 Studholme Road, Hamilton
- May 3 at 308 Rymal Road East, Hamilton
- May 3 at 330 Wentworth Street, Hamilton
- May 10 at 1301 Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton
- May 10 at 349 Jones Road, Stoney Creek

The Forestry Yard (1301 Upper Ottawa Street) will have compost available from April 28 to May 9. (Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) While quantities last.

### **9.3 Hamilton Environmentalist of the Year Nomination**

P. Homerski shared the details of the Environmentalist of the Year Nomination. Due to the complexity of the application, we will table this issue until January Of 2015 and consider nominating at that time.

### **9.4 Sharing Experiences Workshop**

P. Homerski provided the committee members with information about the Sharing Experiences Workshop to be held on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Halton Regional Museum; Kelso Conservation Area. This workshop is being offered through the efforts of several of Conservation Authorities in the area. P. Homerski will circulate details of the workshop via email.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee will take place Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:00 pm, Room 192, Hamilton City Hall.