



MINUTES

Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
5:00 pm

Hamilton City Hall, Room 192
71 Main Street East
Hamilton, ON

Present: Vice-Chair: Ron Speranzini
Members: Councillor M. Pearson
Secretary: Marisa DiCenso, HWCDSB Representative
Lennox Toppin
Dave Bazowsky
Rick Lipsitt
Allan Mills
Bruce Thomson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor T. Jackson
Councillor C. Collins
Chair: Larry Husack
Kevin Morton, HWDSB Representative
Mallory Pace

Also Present: Peter Wobschall, Supervisor, Policy & Program, Public Works
Jennifer DiDomenico, Manager, Policy & Programs, Public Works

1. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Deirdre Connell, Staff Liaison, has accepted a new position out of Hamilton. The Committee wished her well. In the meantime, Jennifer DiDomenico and Peter Wobschall will attend to support the committee.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- 2.1 Added as item 4.1, Secretary position open due to resignation of Committee member Shane Omerod

(Thomson / Toppin)

That the agenda for the May 17, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

List any declarations that were made or note that there were none.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Secretary Position

- Marisa will fill in as needed
- Committee members are asked to consider taking on this position
- Digital recorder available to support minute-taking

4.2 Minutes of March 21, 2017 amendment: correct date of next meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

4.3 (Lipsitt / Bazowsky)

Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 21, 2017 were approved as presented (or as amended).

CARRIED

4.4 Business arising from minutes: none.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Quorum and committee membership

- April meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum
- Consider contributing factors to lack of quorum: day of week, number of meetings
- Therefore, Survey Monkey distributed to Committee members to get thoughts on factors
- Summary results discussed
- RSVP is important for both attendance and regrets, best not to assume attendance
- Will continue to monitor the situation
- Contact list will be updated by current staff

7.2. Team Up to Clean Up

- Current staff is gathering information about this year's events and success
- Weekly updates, part of Clean Canada Together, friendly competition. Announcement of winner will be made in June. Blitz month focus
- 133 Clean Ups, 21,000 volunteers, 8,000 garbage bags, 17,000 recycling bag, Glad has supported us, packages continue to be assembled. Staff will gather additional data and present to Committee
- Question was asked about school participation. Schools are asked to submit final reports. Incentive for completion is a draw for a tree for the school.
- Program is year round

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- Stewards of Cootes, Stewards of the Watershed, Beautiful Alleys, other events, Escarpment Clean Up--400 people showed up even though event was cancelled due to weather
- Successful local clean ups in the various wards, many dedicated volunteers
- Church group in Stoney Creek was engaged in clean up, enthusiastic, and interested in helping more
- Awaiting final numbers, success is growing every year, growing awareness in community and media
- Promotional Video--lots of material, aim is to have it ready to release by June 1
- Communication of grant? Staff will investigate process. Presence of application on the website?

7.3. Budget Request

- KHCG committee would like the Staff Liaison to attend the KAB Conference along with a Committee member. This would be very beneficial. Staff will investigate this further and will report back at a future meeting.
- We would like to commit budget funds to facilitate the Staff Liaison's attendance.
- Motion will be considered for the next meeting.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

9. MOTIONS

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1. Cigarette Butt Litter

- On March 24, Bruce, Peter, and Joanne met with BIA Advisory Committee to discuss this topic along with Security and Cleanliness in the Downtown Core Committee. City Staff recommended that KHCG be the face of the program and the mechanism for delivering it.
- Grant application to KAB to collect data, brand the program, communicate effectively, and involve municipal law enforcement. BIAs would manage an art call to create piece of art that would travel through the BIAs. Unfortunately, KAB does not have available funds this year.
- Getting started on no to low cost items, mainly in downtown area. Receptacles are very attractive and effective but expensive.
- Changing behaviour is the most difficult component. Posters in bars identifying cigarette butts are litter, too.
- Looking at how to fund this programming.
- Project charters were shared, verbal commitments were provided.
- Could we provide a certificate of acknowledgement? KHCG is committed to supporting staff in this endeavour. Should be a discussion item for a future meeting.

10.2 Update on Graffiti

- Responses coming in to KHCG letter to the local Utilities, staff is moving ahead on it.

11. ADJOURNMENT

(Toppin / Mills)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 2017.