



Hamilton

MINUTES

Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee
Tuesday May 15, 2018
5:00 pm

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

Present: Chair: Larry Husack
Vice-Chair: Ron Speranzini
Members: Dave Bazowsky
Lennox Toppin
Allan Mills
Bruce Thomson
Mallory Pace
Rick Lipsitt
Marisa DiCenso
Sue Dunlop
Councillor C. Collins
Councillor T. Jackson
Councillor M. Pearson

Absent with Regrets: Alex Moroz, Jennifer DiDomenico

Also Present: Alan Hansell, Executive Director, Stewards of Cootes
Baljit Chhabra, Intern, Stewards of Cootes
Jay Carter, Program Manager, Evergreen Hamilton
Peter Wobschall, Supervisor, Policy & Programs, Public Works
Florence Pirrera, Community Program Analyst, Business Programs,
Public Works
Diedre Rozema, Clean & Green Coordinator, Policy & Programs,
Public Works

Minutes: Diedre Rozema

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The chair welcomed the guests present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(LIPSITT / MILLS)

That the agenda for the May 15, 2018 KHCG Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

N/A

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Stewards of Cootes Paradise & Red Hill Watersheds

Alan Hansell, Executive Director of the Stewards of Cootes and Red Hill Watershed, presented an update about the organization's strategy and approach to cleaning Hamilton's watersheds and keeping the watersheds clean on a long-term basis.

Clean up of Cootes watershed began in September 2012 and expansion of the group's activities into Red Hill watershed began in 2017. The group's volunteers have removed a variety of objects from Hamilton's watersheds, including: industrial wire, metal culverts, needles, cars, tires, etc. Removal of these objectives has resulted in restoration of natural habitats and an increase in wildlife populations.

5.2 100in1day Presentation and Exercise

Jay Carter, Program Manager of Evergreen Hamilton, presented information about the 100in1Day program to illustrate how small, community based projects have led to longer term policy changes in Hamilton and opened doors for community members looking to create change in their community. Some community projects which began as 100in1Day interventions, for example, Surprise! Hamilton, have since been supported by the Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee's Clean & Green Neighbourhood Grant.

Committee members participated in a 100in1Day brainstorming activity to explore what types of changes they would like to see in the community. Activity results will be used to inform development of the Committee's workplan.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Minutes of March 20, 2018 meeting.

(Lipsitt / DiCenso)

That the Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 20, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.2. Business arising from minutes: none

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. Administrative:

No administrative items to discuss.

7.2. Budget:

A summary of the Committee's year to date expenses was presented.

7.3. Community Index Litter Audit:

Initial audit results from April 17 were presented. May 24 was selected as the date to complete the Community Index Litter Audit. Committee members will be sent an email invitation with the details to participate in the audit.

7.4. Team Up to Clean Up:

A summary of year to date participation was presented.

7.5. Graffiti Victim Assistance:

Staff presented an update about the Graffiti Management Strategy and work completed by Municipal Law Enforcement co-op students. Committee discussed the request to fund the purchase of vouchers for the co-op students to distribute to repeat victims of graffiti to assist with the costs of graffiti removal. Committee requests that the role of the Committee in providing the vouchers be acknowledged. Committee members are interested in received further information about the results and success of the voucher program once implemented.

(DICENSO / LIPSITT)

That the motion for funding for graffiti victim assistance materials be approved as amended.

CARRIED

See Item 8.

7.6. Clean & Green Neighbourhood Grants:

7.6.1. Environment Hamilton final report

Committee members reviewed a map showing the location of 2018 Clean & Green projects. Committee discussed the success of Environment Hamilton’s project and considered opportunities to share information and promote successful projects. Staff will work with the City’s web team to pursue opportunities.

7.7. Keep Hamilton Clean & Green bumper/window stickers:

Committee discussed the feasibility of creating KHCG bumper stickers. Potential messaging/themes were suggested. Staff were directed to look for examples from other municipalities and environmental organizations and get quotes.

8. MOTIONS

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee

Date: May 15, 2018

MOVED BY DICENSO / LIPSITT

Funding for graffiti victim assistance materials (City-Wide)

WHEREAS, the role of the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green (KHCG) Committee is to encourage Hamilton residents, property owners and visitors to engage in neighbourhood/community initiatives that aim to beautify our community and prevent litter, illegal dumping and graffiti as well as promoting desired behaviours in the community that support the Clean and Green Hamilton goals; and

WHEREAS, the KHCG Committee’s 2018 budget includes \$2,000 to support City of Hamilton graffiti victim assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, evidence demonstrates that rapid removal of graffiti serves to mitigate further occurrences of graffiti within proximity; and

WHEREAS, through consultation with property owners that have been impacted by graffiti, Municipal Law Enforcement staff have identified that the cost of graffiti removal is a barrier to graffiti removal; and

WHEREAS, property owners that are the victims of graffiti related incidents may be penalized if they do not remove graffiti from their property; and

WHEREAS, property owners that are the victims of repeated graffiti incidents have indicated that the following resources or tools would assist them in the removal of graffiti in accordance with City bylaws: paint, painting supplies, specialized cleaning products,

and anti-graffiti coating available for purchase at local paint or home improvement retailers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Public Works staff be directed to purchase vouchers totalling an amount of up to \$2,000 from a local paint or home improvement retailer;
- (b) That the cost of the vouchers be applied to the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green (KHCG) Committee's 2018 budget;
- (c) That the vouchers be distributed by Municipal Law Enforcement staff to eligible victims of repeated graffiti incidents.
- (d) That staff provide a report back to the KHCG Committee detailing the results the voucher program after implementation.

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

10. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

10.1. [Changes To The Recycling Program](#)

Committee members discussed the implications of the changes to the municipal recycling program.

10.2. [Cigarette Butt Litter](#)

As per Council direction, staff are looking for potential funding sources for the Cigarette Butt Litter Strategy. Committee members will be invited to participate in implementation of the strategy when funding is secured.

11. ADJOURNMENT

(THOMSON / BAZOWSKY)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 City Hall, Room 192