

Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 5:00 p.m. Room 192, Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Larry Husack – Chair

John Hawker – Vice Chair

Marisa Di Censo

Adrian Hucal Clr. Tom Jackson

Shane Ormerod

Regrets: Krysta Boyer

Clr. Chad Collins

Ron Speranzini

Bruce Thomson

Linda Bevan (Recorder)

Phil Homerski (Staff Liaison)

Aaron Puley

Allyson Wenzowski

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair L. Husack welcomed the new youth representative; Adrian Hucal to the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green committee. Adrian is a Grade 10 student at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School and has been very active in environmental initiatives for many years.

2. Approval of Agenda

That the agenda be accepted as amended. HAWKER/DI CENSO

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 15, 2013 Meeting

That the minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting of the Clean City Liaison Committee be accepted as amended.

THOMSON/SPERANZINI

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising

P. Homerski reported the following updates:

Team Up to Clean Up Organizers' Appreciation Night

The event was held on Thursday, October 30, 2013. In spite of a small turnout, the group provided excellent feedback and the meeting was very productive. The attendees have requested another meeting to discuss Team Up to Clean Up event improvements further. P. Homerski is to schedule a follow up meeting for January, 2014.

School Board Meeting

L. Husack, R. Speranzini and P. Homerski met with representatives of both the HWDSB and HWCDSB to discuss possible changes to the TUTCU school program for 2014. The meeting was very productive. The group plans on meeting again prior to this year's end.

KHCG Budget

The 2014 KHCG budget request is scheduled to be tabled at the December 2, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 2014 Work Plan

Members were provided an overview of successes and challenges in programming related to the five pillars of the Clean and Green Hamilton Strategy: Litter, Illegal Dumping, Graffiti, Beautification and Environmental Stewardship. The intent of the exercise was to develop objectives in each category to guide the committee's work in 2014.

The members of the committee engaged in a facilitated discussion on the committee's 2014 work plan.

Formal objectives will be drafted from the discussion points and presented for the committee's endorsement at the next meeting. The KHCG members identified the following opportunities and concerns for consideration:

LITTER

Cigarette Litter

- Explore cigarette butt recycling options and opportunities.
- Continue to develop strategies and tools to aid in the reduction of cigarette litter.

Roadside Litter

- Repeat the Red Hill Valley Parkway litter audit in 2014.
- Continue to develop strategies to change behaviour(s).
- Analyze Community Appearance Index data and provide recommendations for citizen engagement.

Team Up to Clean Up

- Review the school boards' involvement and provide recommendations for 2014.
- Provide assistance to large group cleanup efforts by way of grants (see Environmental Stewardship category).

ILLEGAL DUMPING

• Recommend public engagement and education strategies as feasible.

GRAFFITI

- Recommend best practices and approaches to deterring tagging.
- Reconvene graffiti sub-committee to review youth survey responses and draft recommendations based on collected data.
- Continue to explore youth engagement (as part of the overall city graffiti management program).
- Make recommendations on programs and protocols for public/private property assets, e.g.: fences that border city land and private property.

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BEAUTIFICATION

• Develop a grants program that supports Neighbourhood Development Strategy initiatives by the end of Q1.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Clearly define what environmental stewardship means to the committee.
- Develop grant program to support non-City program environmental stewardship initiatives by end of Q1.

6. Other Business and General Information

The Chair noted that the next meeting is on the second Tuesday of December due to the holidays.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee will take place Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:00 pm, Room 192, Hamilton City Hall.