



City of Belleville Green Task Force Committee

Minutes of June 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Green Task Force Committee was held virtually on the above date.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Sandison at 10:00 am

2. Attendance

Members Present:

Councillor C. Malette (Chair) joined the meeting at 10:24 am

Councillor B. Sandison

Gary Magwood

Peter Whittle

Kevin Bazkur

Patrick Curran

Staff Present:

Perry DeCola, General Manager Environmental Services

Becky MacWhirter, Environmental Coordinator

Sheila Alexander, Environmental Services

Absent:

Victor Cooper with regrets

Special Guests:

Mr. Peter Coy

Ms. Brooke Jarvis

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature Thereof

There was nothing for disclosure under Pecuniary Interests.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2021

Motion: P. Whittle

Secunder: G. Magwood

“That the minutes of the meeting May 13, 2021 be accepted.”

-Carried-

4.1. Business arising from the Minutes:

Spelling error of Bazkur in the minutes.

5. Deputation

5.1. Peter Coy: Consideration of Roundabouts Policy for City of Belleville

Committee members received a deputation by Mr. Peter Coy, a resident of Belleville and proponent of implementing roundabouts where appropriate to do so. In his presentation, Mr. Coy advocated for a policy whereby: "Any design of new roads and any proposed updating of existing intersections, should consider roundabouts as an attractive and green alternative to inefficient, expensive, polluting, dangerous, and complex, traffic light controlled intersections."

Following his presentation, Green Task Force members discussed his proposal with questions regarding land requirements and the cost and logistical challenges of moving utilities. Having found the responses satisfactory and given the superior environmental performance of roundabouts, his deputation was received by the Green Task Force. Mr. Coy presented on this topic to the city's Transportation Committee in 2020 and received a supportive response, but did not hear anything further. Mr. Coy and Ms. Jarvis departed the meeting at 10:37 AM.

Motion: G. Magwood

Secunder: Councillor Sandison

"That Mr. Coy's presentation be received and directed to staff in Engineering and Development Services for review and consideration."

-Carried-

6. Correspondence

6.1. Donna Fano: Cleaning Avonlough Rd.

Correspondence from resident Donna Fano was shared with committee members. Ms. Fano has been an active participant in the Quinte Trash Bash for many years dedicating her time to clean up Avonlough Road. Ms. Fano requested additional "no dumping" signage to educate the public and reduce littering in the area. Discussion followed. Members would like to acknowledge her efforts with a letter of appreciation from the Mayor. Becky to follow up on the request.

Motion: P. Whittle

Secunder: G. Magwood

"That the correspondence be received"

-Carried-

7. Items for Discussion

7.1. Bike Repair Stations

There have been frequent reports of damage and vandalism of the stations and tools requiring ongoing maintenance and costs. Discussion followed on possible sites where the stations could be installed and maintained without damage. After consultation with other City staff, Ms. MacWhirter is recommending the repair stations be donated to non-profit organizations. Committee members were supportive of this approach provided that the public is made aware of the change in service.

7.2. Update on Giveaway Day

Members were advised that staff would need four weeks to prepare and execute a successful communication strategy. It was suggested a September event date might be attainable. To avoid challenges faced by other communities, Mr. DeCola, Councilor Malette and Mr. Magwood will reach out to Woodstock, Kingston and Quinte West respectively for feedback on their annual giveaway days and provide a verbal report at the next meeting. Members also suggested using the term “gently used articles” to minimize the amount of junk/garbage left at the curb.

7.3. TD Tree Days

An application has been submitted for Boyd Park at 36 Gavey St – a site chosen due to devastation caused by Emerald Ash Borer. In its application, the City is requesting funding for 450 trees at a cost of \$7650.00. A decision on the application is expected in July with planting to be completed by Oct 31, 2021, if successful. A goal is to host a community planting event but will depend on status of COVID-19 and provincial restrictions at time of event.

Motion: K. Bazkur

Secunder: P. Whittle

“That the report on TD Tree Days be received”

-Carried-

7.4. Climate Emergency Declaration Update

Becky reported the draft report is complete and under review within Environmental Services. Senior-level City staff in various departments will also be consulted with goal of bringing staff report to Council on June 28.

Motion: Councillor Sandison

Secunder: P. Whittle

“That the report be received and directed to staff for a report to Council”

-Carried-

7.5. Five Counties Energy-from-Waste Proposal Update

There has been no response to the Committee’s questions at this time.

8. New Business

Ms. MacWhirter reported on correspondence received from the Quinte Field Naturalists recommending that the City of Belleville consider membership in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program to take action on climate change. Ms. MacWhirter confirmed that Council endorsement would be needed. Mr. DeCola suggested the staff report accompanying the Climate Emergency Declaration be modified to include a recommendation that staff be directed to investigate the PCP program. Ms. MacWhirter to respond to QFN.

Motion: K. Bazkur

Seconder: Councillor Sandison

“That GTF recommend that Council endorses FCM’s Partners in Climate Protection program.”

-Carried-

9. Next Meeting Date

July 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM via video conference

10. Adjournment:

Motion: P. Whittle

Seconder: Councillor Sandison

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:14 am”

-Carried-