



## **City of Belleville Green Task Force Committee**

**Minutes of April 8, 2021**

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

### **Attendance**

#### **Members Present**

Councillor C. Malette (Chair)  
Councillor B. Sandison  
Gary Magwood  
Peter Whittle  
Kevin Bazkur

#### **Staff Present**

Becky MacWhirter, Environmental Coordinator  
Sheila Alexander, Environmental Services

Special Guest: Ruth Silver Deputation Reference 6.1

#### **Absent**

Perry DeCola, General Manager Environmental Services  
Victor Cooper

### **Order of Business**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malette at 10:01 am

#### **2. Attendance**

Please see above

#### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature Thereof**

There was nothing for disclosure under Pecuniary Interests.

#### **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2021**

Motion: K. Bazkur

Second: Councillor Sandison

“THAT the minutes of the meeting February 25, 2021 be accepted.”

-CARRIED-

**5. Correspondence**

**5.1 Private Tree By-Law**

B. MacWhirter discussed a phone call from a resident expressing concern about the lack of a tree by-law for private property. Discussion followed.

Motion: P. Whittle

Seconder: G. Magwood

“That the correspondence be received”

-CARRIED-

**6. Items for Discussion**

**6.1 Climate Emergency Declaration: Proposed Resolution**

Chair Malette welcomed Ruth Silver as a guest and expressed appreciation for her initiative and assistance in drafting the proposed resolution. Ruth advised that she appreciated the opportunity to partner with Becky in drafting this proposal and would be available to offer future assistance. Discussion followed including forwarding the document to County of Hastings and other municipalities. It will immediately go to senior level staff for review.

Motion: G. Magwood

Seconder: P. Whittle

“That the proposed resolution be endorsed and forwarded to City Council for May 25, 2021.”

-CARRIED-

**6.2 Update on Alexander St. Reconstruction**

Discussion regarding recent Council decision that the project be deferred until the Transportation Master Plan has been updated to include a Complete Streets Policy.

**6.3 No Mow May**

Staff presented presentation about a program currently active in the UK with signage stating “Pardon the Weeds, we are feeding the bees” Parks and Open Spaces have designed signs and staff will work with our City Communications staff to draft a press release.

**6.4 Giveaway Day**

Chair Malette reported that Council received the staff report and are supportive of the event going forward. Habitat for Humanity Restore has offered to assist with any items that might be left curbside. Discussion followed regarding an ideal date for the event with Victoria Day weekend May 22, 2021 proposed subject to COVID-19 safety regulations and staff approval. If successful, the committee suggests considering a second date around Thanksgiving weekend in October or during Waste Reduction Week.

Motion: G. Magwood

Seconder: P Whittle

“That the 2021 Giveaway Day be Saturday, May 22, 2021 subject to COVID-19 safety regulations.”

-CARRIED-

**6.5 Update on Natural Gas Resolution**

Discussion followed and the matter was deferred to a future meeting.

**6.6 Update on Backyard Hens**

Staff provided a report stating consultants are reviewing best practices for new by-laws and have prepared draft provisions. The matter was deferred to a future meeting.

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Tree Seedling Giveaway**

New provincial stay-at-home order by the Province has impacted the tree seedling giveaway. Staff report suggested that funding be diverted from seedling giveaway and direct funds to the planting of 2000 seedlings on municipal land possibly for Earth Day. All in agreement.

**8. Next Meeting Date**

The suggested tentative dates are May 11 or 13, 2021. Doodle poll to be circulated. P Curran inquired if we could schedule meetings until end of the year.

**9. Adjournment:**

Motion: K. Bazhur

Secunder: G. Magwood

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 am”

-CARRIED-