



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

**Minutes of February 25, 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**

Perry DeCola, General Manager Environmental Services  
Becky MacWhirter, Environmental Coordinator  
Sheila Alexander, Environmental Services

#### **Absent**

Patrick Curran  
Victor Cooper

### **Order of Business**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malette at 10:00 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 January 14, 2021**

Motion: K. Bazkur

Second: G. Magwood

“THAT the minutes of the meeting January 14, 2021 be accepted.”

-CARRIED-

4.1 Business arising from the minutes of Jan 14, 2021.

Chair requested an update on resolution following presentation by Ruth Silver on Jan 14, 2021.

Staff reported communication ongoing, still active file.

**5. Correspondence**

No correspondence

**6. Items for Discussion**

**6.1 Terms of Reference**

Discussion followed concerning revisions to current Terms of Reference of December 7, 2010.

Members agreed that current form is narrow in scope and housekeeping items were necessary.

Motion: Councillor Sandison

Seconder: P. Whittle

“That the Committee receives and updates the Terms of Reference to reflect staff recommendations.”

-Carried-

**6.2 2021 Events**

Staff presented a report on the upcoming Quinte Trash Bash recommending the dates May 3-8, 2021. Committee and community volunteers are requested for Sat May 8, 2021. The Provincial Day of Action is May 11, 2021. Discussion followed.

Motion: K. Bazkur

Seconder: G. Magwood

“That the Quinte Trash Bash be held May 3-8, 2021”

-Carried-

Staff presented a report on the Tree Seeding Giveaway recommending May 1, 2021 as the event date subject to availability and assistance from Rotary Club Volunteers. Discussion followed.

Motion: Councillor Sandison

Seconder: P. Whittle

“That the Tree Seeding Giveaway, subject to availability of Rotary Club volunteers, be held May 1, 2021”

-Carried-

**6.3 Earth Day 2021**

Earth Day is April 22, 2021. Discussion followed on how the City of Belleville could recognize and participate due to current Covid-19 restrictions. Staff recommended a number of ideas that could be showcased to reflect new and existing initiatives.

Motion: P. Whittle

Seconder: Councillor Sandison

“That the City of Belleville registers for Earth Day 2021.”

-Carried-

**6.4. No Mow May**

Staff provided report on a No Mow May initiative whereby residents are encouraged to stop mowing their lawn for the full month of May. Discussion followed on the possible challenges facing this initiative locally and the opportunity to conduct a similar program on municipal lands. Staff suggested we engage Parks and Open Spaces to discuss feasibility of naturalization program and the matter was deferred to a future meeting.

Motion: G. Magwood

Secunder: Councillor Sandison

“That the staff reported be received”

-Carried-

**6.5 Update on Department Priorities: TOS**

Staff reported on discussion with Transportation Operations Services regarding tree inventory. Discussion followed.

Motion: Councillor Sandison

Secunder: P. Whittle

“That the staff report be accepted as information.”

-Carried-

**6.6 Township of Laird Resolution re: Natural Gas Phase-out**

Staff provided a report on the resolution request from Township of Laird. Staff will prepare a draft resolution and provide members with briefing information for next meeting. Discussion followed. The matter was deferred to a future meeting.

Motion: G. Magwood

Secunder: P. Whittle

“That the staff report be accepted as information”

-Carried-

**6.7 Project Proposal: Littatrap**

Staff proposed installing Littatrap devices to storm drains to prevent debris from entering the Moira River and Bay of Quinte. These are removable, reusable traps that can be purchased locally and used to remove the sediment from runoff water sources. Discussion followed on the positive impact and beneficial attributes of littatrap.

Motion: P. Whittle

Secunder: K. Bazkur

“That the Green Task Force Committee recommends and endorses to proceed with this pilot project using Littatrap”

-Carried-

**7. New Business**

None

**8. Next Meeting Date**

Staff suggestion week of March 20-27. Doodle poll to be circulated.

**9. Adjournment:**

Motion: P. Whittle

Secunder: G. Magwood

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 am”

-Carried-