



Green Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Held virtually via Zoom

1. **Call to order Chair Chris Malette**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. **Attendance**

Members Present:

Councillor Chris Malette
Councillor Bill Sandison
Kevin Bazkur
Patrick Curran
Gary Magwood
Peter Whittle

Members Absent:

Jeremy Davis

Staff Present:

Perry DeCola, General Manager of Environmental Services
Joe Reid, General Manager Transportation and Operation Services
Amanda Azzopardi Environmental Coordinator
Sheila Alexander, Staff Resource

3. **Disclosure of pecuniary interests and the general nature thereof**

None

4. **Approval of meeting minutes**

4.1. Approval of the February 10, 2022 meeting minutes.

**Moved by Councillor Bill Sandison
Seconded by Citizen Representative Peter Whittle**

**“That the Minutes of the Green Task Force Committee meeting of
Feb. 10, 2022 be approved.”**

Carried**5. Correspondance****5.1. Spring Giveaway Day**

Correspondence was received from Colleen Mcnutt requesting the committee consider a second giveaway day. Chair Malette suggested we build on the success of the 2021 day and Councillor Sandison offered he is a strong supporter of 2 days per year. Perry suggested a conversation between Green Task Force committee, Environmental Services, Transportation and Operation Services staff and Property Standard officers to determine next steps. Discussion followed and it was agreed that there should be two separate events. Staff was requested to provide information at the April meeting.

5.2. Quinte Field Naturalists Tree Planting Event

Correspondence was received from QFN describing a funding opportunity through Home Hardware involving Tree Canopy. It was suggested we combine the 2 events which includes the tree planting relay. Councillor Malette suggested that a tree planting event on Earth Day April 22 with QFN could be an effective partnership. Discussion followed.

6. Items for discussion**6.1. Community Gardens**

Staff reported that applications closed on Feb 24, 2022. Applicants will receive confirmation of their location, plot and end of season clean up expectations this week. There are no applications on the wait list and we welcomed several new gardeners this year. Discussion followed.

6.2. Trash Bash

Staff confirmed the date is May 14, 2022 and locations include QSWC for pick up/drop off, Gerry Masterson Centre and QER. Bins will be donated by Maple Bin Service. For the first time, a bin will be made available in Ward 2 at the Gerry Masterson Centre for pick up and drop off. Committee members are encouraged to provide availability and location to staff.

6.3. Seedling Giveaway Location

Staff reported that the event will take place April 30, 2022 and we have secured 2000 seedlings with pick up locations at Market Square.

6.4. Great Lakes Local Action Fund

Chair Malette was pleased that Quinte Federation of Naturalists were willing to join in this partnership to secure additional litter traps. Staff reported we met the tight timeline and submitted our application for funding to expand the number of litter traps. We partnered with the QFN who became the applicant and requested funding to purchase an additional 18 litter traps also known as Littatrap.

**Moved by Councillor Bill Sandison
Seconded by Citizen Representative Peter Whittle**

The committee agreed to accept the reports of the discussion items as presented.

Carried

7. New business

7.1 General Manager Joseph Reid provided information about the LDD Moth situation. Discussion followed and it was suggested we develop a communications strategy to encourage land owners to inspect their trees in rural areas for signs of egg mass density now. It is hopeful that the consistent cold weather could reduce existing egg masses and deter further damage. Suggestions included burlap wraps and bands and possibly tree injections could be used by private land owners. The egg masses need to be removed now to help mitigate long term damage.

7.1. 7.2 Perry DeCola advised that there will be a report going to Council soon regarding enrolment in the FCPC program.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for April 14, 2022 at 10:00 am. Committee will be polled to determine in person or virtual.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am

**Moved by Councillor Bill Sandison
Seconded by Citizen Representative Gary Magwood**

“That the Green Task Force Committee meeting be adjourned.”

Carried