



Green Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Held virtually via Zoom

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Councillor Chris Malette at 10:00 am.

2. **Attendance**

Members Present:

Councillor Chris Malette

Councillor Bill Sandison

Kevin Bazkur

Gary Magwood

Jeremy Davis joined at 10:03 am

Peter Whittle joined at 10:30 am

Members Absent:

Patrick Curran

Staff Present:

Gen Manager Perry DeCola

Amanda Azzopardi

Sheila Alexander

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

None

4. **Approval of meeting minutes**

4.1. Approval of the May 12, 2022 meeting minutes.

Moved by Councillor Bill Sandison

Seconded by Citizen Representative Gary Magwood

“That the Minutes of the Green Task Force Committee meeting of May 12, 2022 be approved.”

Carried

4.2.

5. Correspondance

5.1 Community Garden Equipment

Staff advised that gardeners have expressed difficulties watering their gardens due to the theft/damage of hoses at West Hill, Ponton and Bayview Drive. Discussion followed.

6. Items for discussion

6.1. Recycling Report

Councillor Sandison provided an update from Quinte Waste Solutions to share where the recycled material end up once collected at the depots. Staff advised that an Asset Management report will be coming before Council.

6.2. Quinte Trash Bash Review

Staff provided an update on the recent event on May 14th, 2022 with 360kg of trash collected on that day. Many groups and individuals, groups and business' were active during the week resulting in an additional 80 bags of trash collected that are not part of the weight in.

Feedback for future events include considering a east side location. Discussions followed.

6.3. Spring Giveaway Day Comments

Perry DeCola travelled the various neighborhoods and although participation was down, there seemed to be a good selection of products. It appeared that the scrape metal collectors waited until after 5 pm to collect unwanted items. Councillor Malette suggested we schedule a spring and fall event annually. Jeremy Davis suggested we move it off a holiday weekend for future days. Discussion followed.

6.4. Litta Trap Data

Staff updated the committee on this project. The traps are monitored and data is collected monthly.

Common items found include cigarette butts, tiny plastics, water bottle caps, balloon string and polystyrene. No trap is located downtown due to the ongoing construction of the footbridge and pending reinstatement of the landscaping. Discussion followed.

6.5. Boulevard Gardens/ Naturalization

Staff reported that the timeline is too short to plan an initiative for 2022.

Growing season is upon us. There has been a shift in views regarding lawn

care and staff shared examples from the cities of Mississauga and Guelph who have introduced projects with changes to their bylaws. Discussion followed.

6.6. TD Trees

Staff updated the committee on the upcoming TD tree day. If we are successful with our application, trees will be planted in Haig Park on Sept 24th. Rotary Loves Trees will provide tree seedlings as well along with Earth Day trees 50 seedlings. Brimley Court Green Space, will be used as a location to plant extra tree seedlings that do not fit at Haig Park.

7. New business

A reminder that the Pollinator event is taking place Saturday, June 18th in the George Zegouras Market Square at 9:30 am.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022, location to be determined. Discussion followed about the return to "in person" meetings and Jeremy Davis inquired if the start time could be altered to accommodate his personal appt in July. Next Meeting- tentative as to time and location.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.