



Green Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Held virtually via Zoom

1. **Call to order**

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

2. **Attendance**

Members Present:

Councillor Chris Malette
Councillor Bill Sandison
Peter Whittle
Kevin Bazkur
Gary Magwood
Jeremy Davis

Members Absent:

Patrick Curran
Perry DeCola, General Manager, Environmental Services City of Belleville

Staff Present:

Amanda Azzopardi, Environmental Coordinator Environmental Services
Sheila Alexander, Staff Resource

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

Councillor Chris Malette declared a pecuniary interest regarding Agenda item 6.6 involving communications for the Pollinator event as family is employed by a local radio station.

4. **Approval of meeting minutes**

4.1. Approval of the March. 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 March 10, 2022 be approved.”

Carried**5. Correspondance**

5.1. Quinte Trash Bash Signage

Staff discussed the correspondence regarding "Do not Litter" yard signs to be installed. Staff discussed concerns about signs that would be abandoned and not maintained. Staff suggested creating a digital map of all locations cleaned instead. Discussion followed that additional signage would create more litter and that social media be the better approach for messaging.

5.2. AMO Municipal Energy Symposium

Staff updated the committee on recent attendance at AMO's online symposium and shared ideas from the cities of Brantford, Ottawa and the Durham region. A number of good resources are available to all municipalities.

5.3. Riparian Planting- Clarence Bird Park

The location 34 Hampton Ridge Boulevard. Staff met with Quinte Conservation staff this week to discuss the upcoming event on May 1 and May 3. Volunteers are needed to assist with the planting of 3000+ trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Discussion followed.

6. Items for discussion

6.1. Community Gardens Lunch and Learn.

Staff provided an update on the proposed concept of a zoom meeting on the last Thursday between April and September. City staff at the City of Belleville would field questions. It would be open to community gardeners, city staff, Mayor and Council. Discussion followed.

6.2. Pollinator Webpage

Staff presented the idea of creating a Pollinator webpage as part of the Bee City designation that would provide residents with educational material and act as a communication platform for future initiatives. Discussion followed.

6.3. Leave the Leaves Campaign

Staff shared information of the importance of this incentive and the benefits to the environment. The information has been added to the Leaf and Yard waste information page on the City site. Discussion followed.

6.4. Spring Giveaway Day

Staff sought consultation with City staff departments for their input hosting another event this year. The spring giveaway date will be May 21, 2022. Councillor Sandison commented that COVID 2021 prevented a second day last year but we have received good feedback. Councillor Malette agreed that there did not appear to be any negative feedback and welcomed another event.

6.5. Pollinator Event Speakers and Vendors/ Communication Plan

Councillor Malette recused himself at this point of the meeting at 10:33 am.
Councillor Sandison represented the Chair.

Discussion followed on the communications portion and it was agreed to proceed with the radio ads as presented.

Councillor Malette returned to the meeting and resumed his role as Chair at 10:37 am.

6.6. Quinte Trash Bash Location Update

Staff advised that, although we look forward to the Belleville Senators being in the AHL playoffs it would require us to seek new location for this event during their game day. In consultation with RCCS staff, it was suggested we utilize Riverside Park, Quinte Exhibition and Raceway and the Gerry Masterson Center. Discussion followed.

7. **New business**

7.1. Reminders Staff provided reminders of upcoming event dates and requested volunteers.

April 21, Earth Day Webinar-Ecofriendly Lifestyle

April 22, Earth Day

April 30 Seedling Giveaway 9:00-1:00 pm or while supplies last.

May 1 and May 3 Clarence Bird Park Planting of seedlings and shrubs with Quinte Conservation and the Rotary Club of Belleville.

7.2. Gary Magwood inquired if there is more the GTF could do to put the focus on recycling. Councillor Sandison, a member of Centre and South Hastings Waste Services Board commented that the amount of material being collected has gone up as well as the revenue that Quinte Waste Solutions receives.

Councillor Sandison offered to request a report at the meeting of the C&SHWSB to inquire about where we distribute materials once collected.

7.3. Jeremy Davis inquired if the GTF would be interested in participating in the Doors Open scheduled for Sept 7, 2022. Discussion followed.

8. **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled for May 12, 2022 at 10:00 am, virtually via Zoom.

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am by Councillor Malette.

“That the Green Task Force meeting be adjourned.”

Carried