

Green Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM Held virtually via Zoom

1. Call to order

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

2. Attendance

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Patrick Curran

Staff Present:

Perry DeCola, General Manager of Environmental Services Amanda Azzopardi Environmental Co-ordinator Sheila Alexander EA to General Manager of ES

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests and the general nature thereof

There were no items disclosed at this meeting.

4. Approval of meeting minutes

4.1. Approval of the November 4, 2021 meeting minutes.

Moved by Councillor Bill Sandison Seconded by Citizen Representative Peter Whittle

"That the Minutes of the Green Task Force meeting of November 4, 2021 be approved."

Carried

4.2. Amendment to the minutes of November 4th, 2021. May the amendment read that the Centre and South Hastings Waste Services Board is not involved with organics.

5. Correspondance

5.1. Independent Survey Being Conducted Locally

Staff reported that there is a survey underway by a company called TellCityHall who are collecting data locally on Covid-19, climate change and awareness of Parks Canada.

6. Items for discussion

6.1. Litta Traps Update

Staff reported that two of the three traps in this pilot project had to be relocated due to construction in the area. City staff will be monitoring data on the debris collected. Discussion followed.

Motion: Peter Whittle

Seconded: Gary Magwood

Carried

That the report be received.

6.2. Update on Doors Open

Staff reported that the video featuring the Gerry O'Connor Water Treatment Plant and Waste Water Treatment Plant has been completed and is posted on the Doors Open Ontario webpage. The video highlighting the Community gardens and renewable sources is near completion. Discussion is underway to determine locations of videos on City website. Discussion followed.

Motion: Jeremy Davis

Seconded: Peter Whittle

Carried

That the report be received.

6.3. Community Gardens Waitlist Update

Staff reported that annually roughly 20 residents are originally waitlisted but 50% of those are successful in obtaining a bed after the process was underway. At this time, the demand for new garden beds is low. The Community Development Council of Quinte is also an option for residents based on their location. Discussion followed.

Motion: Jeremy Davis

Seconded: Gary Magwood

Carried

That the report be received.

6.4. Earth Day 2022

Staff will register the City of Belleville with Earth Day Canada with a request for funding and to receive communication resources. Discussion followed on possible local initiatives.

Motion: Bill Sandison

Seconded: Jeremy Davis

Carried

That staff register the City of Belleville with Earth Day Canada.

6.5. Returning to In-person Meetings

This issue is subject to Covid-19 safety directive by Hastings and Prince Edward Public Health in 2022.

7. New business

Staff requested members provide contact phone numbers and alternative email contacts.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 13, 2022 at 10:00 am via virtual conferencing.

9. Adjournment

Chair Chris Malette expressed his appreciation to staff and committee members as he recapped the achievements of 2021. He said citizens are expecting recommendations to Council and value the direction undertaken by the Committee. General Manager Perry DeCola commented he is very pleased with the work and direction of the Committee over the past two years and offered congratulations on the work accomplished.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.