



## Green Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2022 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  
Kevin Bazkur  
Patrick Curran  
Jeremy Davis  
Peter Whittle

#### **Members Absent:**

Gary Magwood

#### **Staff Present:**

Perry DeCola General Manager Environmental Services  
Amanda Azzopardi Environmental coordinator  
Sheila Alexander Staff Resource

### 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 January. 13, 2022 meeting minutes.

**Moved by Citizen Representative Kevin Bazkur  
Seconded by Councillor Bill Sandison**

**“That the Minutes of the Green Task Force Committee meeting of  
January 13, 2022 be approved.”**

**Carried**

### 5. **Correspondance**

There was no correspondence at this meeting.

## **6. Items for discussion**

### **6.1. Earth Day Trees Update**

Environmental Coordinator reported that the City of Belleville has been registered for the Earth Day Canada Tree Planting Relay on September 22, 2022. The location will be Churchill Heights Park. We are registered to receive partial funding support from Earth Day Canada. Discussion followed.

### **6.2. Quinte Trash Bash 2022**

Environmental Coordinator advised that the Quinte Trash Bash (QTB) will be May 14, 2022 starting at 9 am with a supply station located at the former Quinte Exhibition and Raceway site. The QSWC was suggested as a second location. Discussion followed suggesting site locations in Ward 2. Further discussion is required.

### **6.3. Seedling Giveaway 2022**

Environmental Coordinator advised that Quinte Conservation is encouraging municipalities to host the event on April 30, 2022 and will provide staff on site to address questions and concerns. Past giveaways have averaged between 1500-2000 seedlings being distributed in a short time frame. Members suggested the limit of 5 seedlings per household. Staff will consult with City communications team for marketing strategy and promotion of all GTF 2022 events.

### **6.4. Bee City Education Webinars**

Staff has reached out to local schools, two from each Ward to seek interest and request participation in the pollinator webinars. Two classes from Queen Victoria School in Ward 1 have showed great interest and will register for a webinar. The free webinars are offered via our Bee City Canada membership and we have received great support and resources since joining the organization.

### **6.5. Pollinator Event Plans**

Staff advised that planning is underway for this new, exciting event and has had discussions with local vendors and speakers including Jackie Tapp, President of the Belleville Farmer's Market, Carson Arthur local celebrity and entrepreneur, Quinte Conservation and Quinte Bee Association to be guest speakers. City department staff have been consulted about the venue, setup, contracts and insurance. There has been great support for this endeavor that will bring awareness of the importance of pollinators and the role they contribute to the Agri-food industry. The event will be held in the George Zegouras Market Square and on the Bernice Parrott stage behind City Hall on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 9 am until 12 pm in conjunction with the regular Farmer's Market Day. Discussion followed and it was agreed this event would

bring additional awareness and strengthen our commitment as a member of Bee City Canada. A draft budget was presented.

6.6. Partners for Climate Protection

Staff provided a report on FCM Partners for Climate Change Protection Program including the milestones and benefits to joining the program. Discussion followed and it was suggested staff prepare a staff report to Council in March regarding joining the program.

Motion: Jeremy Davis

Seconded: Peter Whittle

“That the City of Belleville enrolls in the program and that staff prepare a report to be presented to City Council in March 2022.”

“Carried”

**7. New business**

There was no new business at this meeting.

**8. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday March 10, 2022 at 10:00 am virtually.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am

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