

**THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE ROOM #304**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

2:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members

Councillor J. Herbert, Chair (Departed 2:25 p.m.)  
J. Tucker, Arborist  
B. McClure, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority  
H. Schraeder  
P. Hontar (Arrived 2:04 p.m.)  
J. Lawrence, Director, Env. Services  
and City Engineer  
A. Solsona  
D. Tarry, St. Thomas-Elgin Homebuilders  
(Arrived 2:06 p.m.)

Officials

W. Graves, City Manager  
R. Tucker, Director of Parks, Recreation  
and Property Management  
A. Jefferson, Supervisor of Parks and  
Forestry  
J. Hindley, Corporate Customer Service  
Assistant

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Schraeder questioned whether the Fish Inventory report is considered to be final.

Motion by H. Schraeder - J. Tucker:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on October 11, 2018 and the amended minutes of the meeting held on January 24, 2019 be confirmed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fish Survey – Lake Margaret – Appendix “A”

The Chair provided an overview of the Fish Community Assessment for Lake Margaret, prepared by Natural Resource Solutions Inc.

Mr. Schraeder advised that he had sent an e-mail to the Committee with comments about the report.

The members discussed the report and possible questions they would like forwarded to Natural Resource Solutions Inc.

The City Manager advised that comments and questions could be forwarded to the Committee Secretary for compilation.

The members discussed the possibility of having the company come to a meeting to discuss the report.

The City Manager and Ms. McClure provided a Power Point presentation relating to improvements that could be undertaken in Lake Margaret based on recommendations from the Fish Survey.

The members discussed the addition of wetland plants, refuge structures and shoreline plantings.

The members discussed issues of encroachment of private property owners on the north side of the lake and the importance of public education relating to the shoreline plantings.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

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The members discussed the cost of plantings along the shoreline and the opportunity to involve volunteers and community groups, provided that there is supervision.

Mr. Tarry advised that shoreline plantings had been done in the past but that the geese had destroyed most of them. He suggested that it may be more effective with the geese population under control.

The Arborist advised that the Parks Division was reviewing planting a few weeping willows along the edge of the lake to help provide shade and that when tree removals are undertaken in the spring, some could be dropped into the lake.

Ms. McClure advised that the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority may be able to contribute some funds.

Ms. McClure advised that plantings could be done in Spring or Fall, pending stock availability and public education surrounding the project.

### **INTERIM CHAIR**

Motion by Councillor Herbert – H. Schraeder:

THAT: B. McClure be appointed as Interim Chair for the remainder of the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### Student Experience – Christie Groenendyk

The members discussed possibilities for a student experience.

The Supervisor of Parks and Forestry advised that the students could assist in spreading mulch in Waterworks Park on May 2nd or 3rd, 2019.

Ms. McClure advised that she may be able to organize an additional student experience through Kettle Creek Conservation Authority with the students, as well.

#### Invasive Species Inventory

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Property Management advised that his department would provide some information to the Invasive Species Inventory survey, as it has been involved with phragmites control for a number of years.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Implementation: Environmental Tasks

#### Parkside Water Taking

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 14th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room #304.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J. Lawrence – P. Hontar:

THAT: The meeting adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Carried.