



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2:00 P.M.

ROOM 304 CITY HALL

AGENDA

1. Disclosures of Interest
2. Confirmation of Minutes : August 8, 2019
3. Updates : Parks By-law
 - Water Sampling
 - Parkside Boat Dock
 - Shoreline Plantings – Lake Margaret
4. Canadian Environment Week – Spring 2020 Initiatives
5. New Business
6. Correspondence
 - October 7, 2019 letter from David and Barbara Collins
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Water Sampling
8. Adjournment
9. Next Meeting : December 12, 2019 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 7, 2019

Councillor Herbert, Chair

Members

Environmental Stewardship Committee

When I received the agenda for the subsequently cancelled September meeting, I notice an item concerning the location where the old Parkside Rowing dock was located. I reached out to the Chair and asked about this. He indicated there was a suggestion that maybe there could be a dedicated fishing area possibly at the PCI end.

Once again, this suggestion begs the question: did the proposer(s) actually think about the ramifications and oversight of this suggestion. The members of the community were asked to respond and the basic answer was that Council voted 8 to 1 in July and 9 to 0 in August to make Lake Margaret a No Fishing, No Watercraft and No Swimming body of water. No means No. The community will share their feelings with Council members as well.

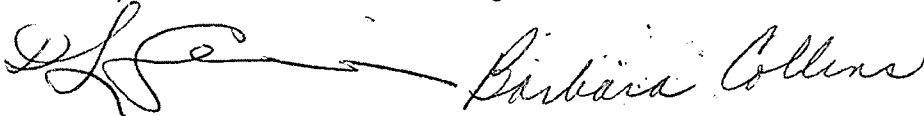
As a stewardship committee it was thought that issues such as reclamation of eroded locations would be top of the agenda. There are several areas around the lake that are well known to walkers as being in seriously eroded condition. Yet there is no plan to present to Council to repair these areas. Why not?

The shrubs that were planted in the spring will do nothing to prevent erosion on the north shore based on where the shrubs were located as they should have been planted in closer proximity to the actual shoreline. Alternately, those shrubs could have been planted in the eroded areas.

Another very serious issue that the stewardship committee should be examining is the rampant growth of various willow species around the lake, notably the entire east end of the lake, the western half of the shoreline behind Beechwood Circle and behind the following houses on the Lake Margaret Trail north shore – 156, 158, 160, the inlet, 162,164, 176,178,180 and 182. The density of some of these growths has obscured the view for the home owners and they have expressed a desire for eradication. Several options are available including cutting down now leaving 2 to 3 feet of stalk and then spraying the foliage in the spring. This would leave a goose barrier but restore the view. Major work on the massively overgrown willow at the east end of the lake would certainly enhance the walking public's view of the lake from the new benches and restore the eastern end residents their view. Why can Jim Waite Park not be groomed and kept manicured like Pinafore Park? Is this not the perfect project to be undertaken by the stewardship committee? This is another issue the community will share with Council members.

While eradicating the willow, it is necessary to also tackle the Purple Loosestrife (invasive) and ragweed (noxious).

Sincerely and on behalf to the Lake Margaret Lakeside Residents

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David and Barbara Collins