

THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM #304
CITY HALL

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

2:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Councillor J. Herbert, Chair
B. McClure, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
P. Hontar
J. Lawrence, Director, Environmental Services
and City Engineer
H. Schraeder

Officials

W. Graves, City Manager
A. Jefferson, Supervisor, Parks and Forestry
B. Chapman, Corporate Customer Service
Assistant

Absent

J. Tucker, Urban Forester
D. Tarry, St. Thomas-Elgin Homebuilders
A. Solsona

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES

Motion by J. Lawrence – H. Schraeder:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on August 8, 2019 be confirmed.

Carried.

UPDATES

Parks and Recreation By-Law - Update

The City Manager advised that the Parks and Recreation By-Law short form wording had been approved by the Senior Justice and that tickets can now be issued.

The members discussed the fact that increased by-law enforcement has had a positive impact.

The members discussed how amendments to by-laws are made.

Water Sampling

B. McClure updated the members on the water sampling, noting that there is only one more month to test.

B. McClure noted that after once all the data is received it will be used for baseline parameters.

Former Parkside Boat Dock

H. Schraeder discussed improved access to water's edge with a universally accessible dock, just for viewing, not for fishing. He also noted that shoreline restoration is the most important.

A. Jefferson advised the members that the shoreline restoration is in the 2020 Parks Operating.

The members discussed submitting a report to Council to have the cost of the dock added to the 2020 Capital Budget for next year.

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Shoreline Plantings – Lake Margaret

B. McClure updated the members on the 300 plantings which had occurred during 2019.

Canadian Environment Week

The members discussed some initiatives that could be implemented for Canadian Environment Week, including information posters, setting up booths at the Horton Market or the Home Show, and in the waste calendar.

The members agreed to bring ideas back in the New Year.

NEW BUSINESS

February 14, 2019 Minutes

H. Schraeder requested that the February 14, 2019 meeting minutes be changed to reflect the fact that he questioned whether the Fish inventory report is considered to be final. The members concurred and directed that the minutes be amended.

Meeting Times

The members discussed whether to change meeting times.

The members agreed to keep the meetings at the same time monthly.

Resignation

The Chair advised that he had received an email of resignation from A. Solsona.

CORRESPONDENCE

Barb and Dave Collins - Shoreline Plantings-Lake Margaret

A. Jefferson advised that the Parks and Recreation Department is monitoring the growth of willows along the shoreline.

A. Jefferson advised that the Parks and Recreation Department is its second year of egg oiling, which is a process to help decrease the geese population.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water Sampling

The members agreed to remove this topic from the agenda.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on December 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room #304, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned.