



The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg

PARKS, BEAUTIFICATION AND CEMETERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 28, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Tillsonburg Cemetery

MINUTES

Present: Barb Wareing, Wayne Beard, Martha Kirkpatrick, Councillor Pete Luciani, Mayor Deb Gilvesy, Isaac Card, Joan Weston, Karen Clipson, Mike Dean,

Absent with Regrets:

Sue Saelens, Ron Walder, Christine Vandebussche, Maurice Verhoeve

Also Present:

Julie Columbus, Director of Recreation, Culture and Parks

Matt Johnson, Manager of Parks and Facilities

Margaret Puhr, Administrative Assistant, Recreation, Culture and Parks

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution #1

Moved by: Joan Weston

Seconded by: Deb Gilvesy

THAT the Agenda as amended for the Parks, Beautification and Cemeteries

Advisory Committee meeting of March 28, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof - none

5. General Business and Reports

- 5.1.** Horticultural Society presentation – Christine Nagy – the presentation was received as information by the committee.
- 5.2.** Ingersoll Memorials presentation – Jon Petit – the presentation was received by the committee as information.
- 5.3.** Pioneer Cemetery – Joan Weston – Joan presented the history of the Pioneer Cemetery as well as the history of the renovation and remedial activities and challenges.
- 5.4.** Paul DeCloet membership
Proposed Resolution #2
Moved by: Pete Luciani
Seconded by: Wayne Beard
THAT Paul DeCloet be named as additional member of the Parks, Beautification & Cemeteries Committee through decision of the Council.
Carried
- 5.5.** Committee Term End report – committee members had an opportunity to review and ask questions to Staff regarding planned projects and maintenance of town park facilities.
Proposed Resolution #3
Moved by: Pete Luciani
Seconded by: Isaac Card
THAT the section of RCP 23-02 RCP Advisory Committees Year End Report pertaining to Parks, Beautification & Cemeteries Committee be received as information:
Carried
- 5.6.** Staff update – RCP has created a playground replacement program. There will be 3 new playgrounds in 2023. The first is a new playground installed at the Library parkette which will be aimed at 1.5 to 5 year olds, have enhanced accessible features and themed as Community and Imaginative Play. It will include rubberized surfacing, accessible walkways and interactive play panels. The project will be funded in combination from a \$100,000 grant and capital budget dollars. The parkette will also see upgrades including a shelter, arbour

and accessible community garden with raised planting beds which will be funded by the Library via a grant. Other projects noted in the 2023 playground replacement program include Elliot Fairborn and Northcrest Phase II. Elliot Fairborn will replace the existing structure, have themed play equipment, service 1.5 – 12 year olds, includes new site amenities and accessible pathway. Northcrest Phase II will have a Nature theme, service 1.5 to 12 year olds include site amenities, accessible walkways and other features.

In the 2023 Budget, Council approved two additional full time hybrid positions for Parks and Facilities operations. RCP staff are thankful and excited to have the additional resources to help support operations and the list of ongoing projects.

6. Next Meeting

April 25, at 4:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 200 Broadway, second floor.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Pete Luciani

THAT The Parks, Beautification & Cemeteries Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Carried