



The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg

## PARKS, BEAUTIFICATION AND CEMETERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 30, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

# MINUTES

**Present:** Barb Wareing, Wayne Beard, Martha Kirkpatrick, Councillor Pete Luciani, Isaac Card, Joan Weston, Ron Walder, Christine Vandebussche, Maurice Verhoeve, Paul DeCloet

**Absent with Regrets:**

Mike Dean, Karen Clipson, Paul DeCloet

**Also Present:**

Julie Columbus, Director of Recreation, Culture and Parks

Matt Johnson, Manager of Parks & 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: Isaac Card

Seconded by: Joan Weston

THAT the Agenda as amended for the Parks, Beautification and Cemeteries Advisory Committee meeting of May 30, 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. Kinsmen Bridge presentation – Shayne Reitsma, Manager of Engineering presented the history and proposed replacement options as shared with council and public last year. Outlined the recommended option.

### Resolution #2

Moved by: Joan Weston

Seconded by: Maurice Verhoeve

THAT the Parks, Beautification & Cemeteries committee supports option #4 for the bridge replacement, for it is the most similar to the original bridge.

**Carried**

- 5.2. Parks beautification initiatives - deferred

- 5.3. Staff update –

**Turtle Garden** – the town was contacted by a conservancy group with a new design of an old garden that became untended by a previous group, with plan to renovate. This garden will have proper nesting opportunities for the 4 species of turtles that inhabit Lake Lisgar. Native plants will also be planted in the garden. The work has begun and the official opening is scheduled for 4:30pm on June 16<sup>th</sup>;

**Tillsonburg became Canada's 75<sup>th</sup> Bee City** – focused on bee-friendly initiatives, many of which are already in place to protect the pollinators. The commitment is to plant more pollinator plants, educate the public via messaging and celebrate National Pollinator Day in June. Visit <https://beecitycanada.org/>;

**Playground Update** – the RFP closed and had 7 submissions and under budget. Council has approved the recommendation for Park n Water and Elliot Fairbairn playgrounds. Park N Water will install Elliot Fairbairn playground and Northcrest Phase 2 as well. Supply and delivery is estimated to be 8 to 10 weeks. The Library Playground was reviewed by the committee with top two options being put for public voting and received 894 votes. Park N Water was selected as the winning proposal. This playground will focus on a community theme, include a rubberized surface and large shade sails. The Library will also be installing an arbor and raised flowerbeds in the park area;

**Columbaria update** – the columbarium foundation is being poured and the unit will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Staff will bring forward a recommendation on a style and location for the next columbaria. This and cemetery layout and expansion will be addressed through the upcoming Master Plan consultation process. The committee will be asked for ideas, vision and feedback.

**6. Next Meeting**

September 26, at 4:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 200 Broadway, second floor.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm

Carried