



**MINUTES
CITY OF WELLAND
GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

March 11, 2024 – 3:30pm - 4:30 pm

No:	Topic	Initials
	Committee Members	
	James Takeo - Chair	JT
	Carolyn Fast – Vice Chair	CF
	Therese DeAgazio	TD
	Sydney Tomaino	ST
	Councillor Bonnie Fokkens	BF
	Councillor David McLeod	DM
	Rob Repovs	RR
	Dave Steven – Forestry	DS
	Ryan Nolan - Forestry	RN
	Nicolas Aiello - Staff Liaison	NA
	Emily Clulow – Permit Application Clerk (minutes)	EC
1	Call meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.	JT
2	Land Acknowledgement	JT
	Welland is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk (Hat-i-wen-DA-ronk), the Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-no-SHOW-nee), and the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-ihNAH-bey), including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Welland today. Welland stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.	
3	Introductions	ALL
	Introductions made by Committee members with Dave Steven - Manager and Ryan Nolan - Supervisor with Forestry Dept. Welcome new member – Rob Repovs	
4	Approval of March 11, 2024 Agenda	ALL
	Motion to approve: TD	
	All in favour	
5	Conflict of interest	ALL
	“Having reviewed the agenda, does any committee member have a need to disclose a direct or indirect pecuniary interest with respect to today’s agenda”	

6	<p>None</p> <p>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- February 12, 2024</p> <p>Motion to approve: DM</p> <p>All in favour</p>	ALL
7	<p>Presentations</p> <p>None</p>	ALL
8	<p>Tree Giveaway Event Update</p> <p>RN had a meeting about the tree giveaway being run through market square. RN spoke to pre-registering vs just giving the tree away. RN spoke to previous success and practice with Lincoln. Pre-registering will give the opportunity to request a certain tree (to be determined), pick up will be available 3 Saturdays during market. DS shared there will be an online component to explain what each tree species is and provide education and care steps. Opportunities to have those residents provide pictures that can be shared. DM asked if there could be an option to have a video to watch with education with a small quiz to complete registration as a point of discussion. RN said there is an opportunity to invite those that may wish to register, with one of our arbours to provide education. DS said videos on planting and tree care can also be posted online. RN brought documents for the committee for education. DM said we should take this opportunity with live education, to record and use as education. BF would like the care sheet included with the registration online. DS confirmed. Brief discussion took place on reasoning to have this completed over 3 Saturdays and staffing for event. DS spoke to event set up. DS advised dates are April 20th, 27th and May 4th, time has not been determined, DS to confirm. CF asked if education would be provided during pick up and if mulch could be provided? DS advised the education piece will be online, they may be able to get a pamphlet together, however DS will be there and those from the committee can be shown to allow to assist with questions during event. DS can follow up regarding mulch being available. TD asked if there can be a requirement to view educational videos before registering can be completed. DS will speak with communications. DM asked about guidelines for planting and call before you dig being provided, DS advised this information can be provided online and they will recommend residents are planting in their backyards, not front yards.</p>	DS/RN
9	<p>Chippawa Park Landscape Rejuvenation</p> <p>DS shared plans for Chippawa Park landscape rejuvenation. This is phase 3 of the ongoing project at Chippawa Park. DS spoke to previous phases completed. The proposal is to plant 2 native species of trees along the rose garden. Maple and hornbeam trees have been selected; Forestry & Horticultural staff were consulted on this plan.</p>	DS

Discussion took place on the species of tree selected. TD asked why the cedars were removed if they were blocking or diseased? DM said their understanding was that they were mature and at the end of their basic useful life and they created a complete barrier to visibility inside the park, which is not something that is supported by CPTED, and the decision was made to open visibility. DS also shared that several cedars have been lost over the years to windstorms and snow loads. There are numerous cedars that are tied up to try to preserve around the city.

10 Community Clean-up event update

NA

NA shared it will be run through the Planning and Development Services department. This is scheduled for April 20th, currently thinking AM, more specifics closer to date. NA advised we want to get 2 messages out; to clean up your own property and promote 2 larger central city locations. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided. This is also beneficial for those that wish to help but do not have their own property to clean up. NA advised some locations that are being considered are Merrit Island, Recreational Waterway in the vicinity of downtown or maybe a park such as Memorial or Chippawa. This will be promoted through engage welland, media release and social media. NA asked for committee to volunteer time. BF brought up adopt a road looking. NA said they can reach out, however need to keep safety in mind, therefore parks would be recommended. BF said there is a group in Dain City that would not be available on this date, can they do a portion on Forks Rd on the 22nd and receive supplies for the city. NA said he would confirm with BF. CF brought up developments causing garbage, NA said he believes a message can be sent. DM brought up sharps' education. NA spoke to a plan being developed for how to handle and notify trained staff to assist. RR brought up the Tree giveaway and clean up taking place on April 20th. NA said the clean up was a motion passed by the committee to have on this date for Earth Day. Discussion took place over event sign up and time that will be best to facilitate. DM brought up a potential for food donations at tree giveaway, DS said we could have bins for food donations. JT asked to be kept in the loop. TD brought up the potential for this to bring in additional volunteers. BF asked for the recipients of the donations. Discussion took place on who would be the recipient, DM suggested to reach out Director of Community services to find out.

11 Committee Events/Updates

ST/NA

- Engage Welland

ST made a poster after speaking with Tara Stephens as a handout to introduce the committee. ST shared with the committee to provide feedback. ST thought this could be put online as well and linked to the committee page. ST requested everyone send their photo to have included. ST said once finalized, it can be submitted to the next council meeting. NA advised it would go as a memo through the agenda package. NA said it would need to be submitted 2 Friday's before. DM

wondered if the commitment statement, should come from the terms of reference. This was updated on document. ST will circulate once updated.

NA spoke to communications; the committee would be able to have an engage welland page. NA is unsure if this would be available prior to next scheduled events.

- Newsletter
- Events

Adjourn at 4:33PM – All in favor

Motion – DM

All in favour

12	Urban Forestry Guidelines (Town of Lincoln)	TD
13	Business/Actions Arising from past Minutes	JT
14	New business/discussion	ALL
15	White Space	ALL
16	Correspondence	

**Next Meeting Date:
Monday April 8, 2024
Council Ante Room**