



Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

Pages

1. **Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee Meeting 06-2024**
Chair: Stephen Margarit
2. **Members**
Councillor Rajni Agarwal, City Council
Daniel Hansen, Public Art Committee
Matthew Hills, Thunder Bay Art Gallery
Kyle Jessiman, Medium Business Representative
Stephen Margarit, Large Business Representative
Peter Mersch, Landscape Design
Andy Puiatti, Architectural
Andrei Rosario, Youth Representative
Morgan Staal, Small Business Representative
Kennedy Bucci, Eco Superior
Heidi Strobl, Heritage Advisory Committee
Jason Veltri, Citizen Representative
Albert Viljoen, Citizen Representative
3. **Officials**
Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement
Stacey Levanen, Supervisor - Corporate Communications & Community Engagement
Laurie Abthorpe, Cultural Development & Public Art Coordinator
Lori Wiitala, Committee Clerk/Legislative Specialist
4. **Guests**
Franco Marchese, Manager - Facilities Services
5. **Welcome and Disclosures of Interest**
6. **Agenda Approval**
WITH RESPECT to the October 9, 2024, meeting of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any

additional information and new business, be confirmed.

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting(s) 04-2024 and 05-2024 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, held on June 27, 2024 and July 26, 2024, respectively to be confirmed.

THAT the Minutes of Meeting(s) 04-2024 and 05-2024 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, held on June 27, 2024 and July 26, 2024, respectively, be confirmed. **(Distributed Separately)**

8. Presentations

8.1 Image Route Funding - Fort William Road Transit Facility

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Correspondence received from Manager Facilities Services Franco Marchese, dated September 13, 2024, requesting to provide a presentation regarding updates at Transit Facilities.

9. Emerging Projects

9.1 Reallocation of Project Funds

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A discussion will be held relative to a request for reallocation of Emerging Project funds for the Gateway Arch at Patterson Park.

Correspondence received from the Fort William BIA dated August 14, 2024.

9.2 High School Grants

A discussion will be held relative to high school Emerging Project grants.

10. Remembrance Day Commemorative Banner Project Update

Councillor Rajni Agarwal to provide an update on the Remembrance Day Commemorative Project.

11. Public Art Committee Update

Daniel Hansen to provide an update on behalf of the Public Art Committee.

12. Heritage Advisory Committee Update

Heidi Strobl to provide an update on behalf of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

13. New Business

14. Round Table and Announcements

15. Next Meeting

The Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Meetings will be held monthly or at the call of the Chair, with the exception of July and August, in the McNaughton

Room, at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise noted:

- Wednesday, November 13, 2024
- December – TBD

Discussion will be held regarding the selection of regular meeting dates for 2025.

16. Adjournment

Clean, Green and Beautiful Image route funding – Fort William Road Transit Facility

In 2011, Construction Services completed a beautification project on the Fort William Road Transit Facility located at 570 Fort William Road, which is along the Thunder Bay image route. The façade of the building boasts its architectural features using natural wood products from the region.

Maintenance should be completed every 7 to 10 years to bring back the beauty of the wood. The project cost is approximately fifteen thousand dollars (\$15 000), as it is necessary to remove the glass and refinish the wood. We do not have any dedicated funds for this project, sadly if it is not completed within the year, we will be looking at complete replacement or demolition in the near future. I am requesting up to \$15 000 of Clean, Green and Beautiful funding for the refurbishment of the featured wood architecture as shown in the pictures below. I feel that the façade of the Fort William Road Transit Facility is an important aspect of Thunder Bay's image route and how Thunder Bay welcomes its visitors.

Thank you for your consideration,

For any questions or concerns please contact

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August 14, 2024

Dear Clean Green and Beautiful Committee Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Fort William BIA, I am writing to request a reallocation of the approved grant of \$7,600 initially designated for the Gateway Arch project in Paterson Park.

As you are aware, the FWBIA has been committed to enhancing the aesthetic appeal and overall environment of our community. While the Gateway Arch project remains a valuable initiative, we have identified a more immediate need that aligns closely with our mission of creating a clean, green, and beautiful Fort William.

After careful consideration and extensive consultations with our community members and stakeholders, we recommend diverting the approved grant funds to the Street Lighting Project on portions of May Street, Brodie Street, and Victoria Avenue (As per budget allows). This project aims to enhance public safety, improve visibility, and contribute to the overall beautification of these key thoroughfares.

Reasons for the Reallocation:

Improved Public Safety: Enhanced street lighting is crucial for increasing visibility, thereby improving safety for pedestrians and motorists alike. Well-lit streets help deter criminal activity and reduce accidents, creating a safer environment for our residents and visitors.

Increased Foot Traffic: Improved lighting can attract more visitors to these areas, benefiting local businesses by encouraging evening shopping and dining. This boost in foot traffic will support the economic vitality of our community.

Visual Appeal: Modern, aesthetically pleasing street lighting will contribute significantly to the visual appeal of May Street, Brodie Street, and Victoria Avenue, aligning with the goals of the Clean Green and Beautiful Committee.

Support: This initiative has garnered strong support from residents, businesses, and community leaders who recognize the immediate impact that enhanced lighting will have on our area.

Additionally, the urgency for the Gateway Arch project has diminished as the date for the Victoriaville demolition has been delayed. The arch project is also complex and may require further funds.

We propose focusing on a more immediate enhancement to the area by installing lights across the streets. The lights would create vibrancy and beautification in the area.

(Please find attached a photo example of what the lighting would look like, for the areas surveyed.)

If we are not able to allocate the funds to the lighting project, we will proceed with the Gateway Arch project. Thank you for considering our request. We appreciate the Clean Green and Beautiful Committee's continued support in our efforts to enhance our community.

Arch Project to Paterson Park on Miles Street

The project has garnered significant support, with funding provided jointly by the Clean Green and Beautiful initiative and the FWBIA. We have also secured approvals from The Paterson Family Foundation and the City of Thunder Bay's engineering and parks departments, ensuring that all aspects of the project align with city standards and regulations. Additionally, we are thrilled to involve students from Confederation College's Trades and Technology department, who are contributing their skills and expertise to the project.

- 1) Quotes to remove arch received in 2023.
- 2) Conversations with Parks department to have arch placed in Paterson Park August to December 2023
- 3) Approval by Paterson Family foundation for arch to be installed in park
- 4) Arch to be refurbished to read Welcome in 3 Languages: English, French and Ojibwe
- 5) Collaboration with Confederation College to refurbish arch to meet all structural requirements and design. Our budget will pay for all materials and the College will supply student project. Trades and Technology department of College is awaiting arrival of arch.
- 6) There have been great conversations with Indigenous leaders as per correct translation for Welcome. A Formal approval is pending.
- 7) January 2024 meeting with city engineering department as per formal process to remove arch from city owned Victoriaville
- 8) Weather uncertainty and delays recommend removal in spring. Contractors updated quotes to 2024 year and transport of 42' arch to college.
- 9) Structural engineer confirmed to inspect integrity of arch for placement in city park (only can be done once arch is at the College...engineer will work with students and college staff and equipment to make this a hands-on learning opportunity for everyone.
- 10) Arch to be removed with coordination with City Roads, city realty department, electrical contractor and transport contractor. Pending weather scheduled for mid-April 2024
- 11) Once the arch is deemed structurally viable, work will commence on design and install.

This will be the gateway arch to the south core. This project enhances May Street as a welcoming entrance to the area. It is a collaborative effort, funded jointly by the Clean Green and Beautiful initiative and The FWBIA. The project has received approvals from the City of Thunder Bay's engineering and parks departments, and the Paterson Family Foundation and involves the participation of students from Confederation College's Trades and Technology department.



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