



## **Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 10:11 a.m.**  
**McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall**

### **1. Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee Meeting 04-2025**

Chair: Stephen Margarit

### **2. Members**

Michael deJong, Public Art Committee  
Matthew Hills, Thunder Bay Art Gallery  
Kyle Jessiman, Medium Business Representative  
Stephen Margarit, Large Business Representative  
Kennedy Bucci, Eco Superior  
Jason Veltri, Citizen Representative  
Albert Viljoen, Citizen Representative

### **3. Officials**

Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement  
Danielle Thom, Climate Action Specialist  
Lori Wiitala, Committee Clerk/Legislative Specialist

### **4. Guests**

Jason Sherband, Manager - Solid Waste & Recycling  
Lee Amelia, Waste Diversion Coordinator

### **5. Welcome and Disclosures of Interest**

## **6. Agenda Approval**

MOVED BY: Kennedy Bucci

SECONDED BY: Jason Veltri

WITH RESPECT to the June 25, 2025, meeting of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, we recommend that the agenda as amended, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

## **7. Presentations**

### **7.1 Waste Receptacle Expansion**

Manager - Solid Waste & Recycling Jason Sherband provided a presentation on waste receptacle expansion through the city.

The city is looking to standardize waste receptacles by introducing a consistent look including the addition of recycling units.

The new look will feature:

- durable pre and post recycled material
- dual bins to include waste and recycling
- clear signage to include accepted items for recycling
- a sloped roof
- a secured opening

Compost will not be offered at this time due to challenges with public spaces and the public using the correct bin for disposal. There is potential to consider organic waste in the future.

It was noted that cigarette butts are the most littered item; 65% of litter in storm drains are cigarette butts.

MOVED BY: Jason Veltri

SECONDED BY: Kennedy Bucci

WITH RESPECT to the presentation from Manager - Solid Waste & Recycling Jason Sherband we recommend approving the request for \$130,000 to purchase, install and maintain waste receptacles within the city including 33 units in Port Arthur, 13 units in the Bay & Algoma neighbourhood and 43 units in Fort William;

AND THAT the Clean, Green & Beautiful logo will be included on all waste receptacles;

AND THAT the funds will be withdrawn from the Clean, Green & Beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ budget;

AND THAT the funds for advertising will be withdrawn from the Clean, Green & Beautiful Awards & Public Awareness budget.

CARRIED

It was noted that the Westfort BIA recently purchased waste receptacles; the city will install the receptacles and replace with the city owned receptacles once they are at end of life.

The Clean Up Trailer has had positive feedback with 8 events scheduled in 2025. The initiative was promoted late in July of 2024 and the hope is that interest will pick up in 2025. A summer student position will be utilized for the Clean Up Trailer program.

#### **8. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of Meeting 03-2025 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, held on May 28, 2025, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Kennedy Bucci

SECONDED BY: Kyle Jessiman

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 03-2025 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, held on May 28, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

#### **9. Resolution to Resolve into Closed Session**

MOVED BY: Jason Veltri

SECONDED BY: Albertus Viljoen

THAT the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee resolve into closed session in order to receive information pursuant to *Municipal Act* (Section 239 (2)):

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

The committee resolved into Closed Session.

Prior to reviewing the late applications received the committee discussed permission of late entries and agreed that late submissions will not be permitted as the deadline is provided to all applicants and wouldn't be fair and reasonable to others. Considering the committee was in agreement to not allow the late submissions, they did not review the applications.

The committee resolved back into open session.

## **10. Emerging Projects**

Director - Strategy & Engagement Cynthia Olsen provided an update regarding Emerging Project.

Climate Action Specialist Danielle Thom prepared the letters to applicants which will be ready for distribution this afternoon; a copy of the report-back document and the CGB logo will be included.

Confirmation of vendor information for all projects is required prior to receipt of payment.

## **11. Public Art Committee Update**

Michael deJong provided an update relative to Public Art Committee (PAC).

Michael introduced himself as the Curator and Archivist at the Thunder Bay Museum and PAC representative and noted that he was voted Chair of the PAC and Jennifer King is Vice Chair.

Information regarding funds received annually from CGB will be provided at the September meeting.

Discussions regarding refurbishment of the Pacific Ave bridge are underway including an artistic aspect.

PAC is taking an advisory role planning the anniversary of Fort William Gardens and Port Arthur Stadium.

## **12. New Business**

### **12.1 Report 154-2025 - Proposed Governance**

Director Olsen provided an overview of Report 154-2025 - Proposed Governance Process Changes. The recommendation is to move from

Committee of the Whole to 3 Standing Committees: Growth, Quality of Life and Finance and Administration. It was also recommended to dissolve 10 advisory committees of council including Clean, Green & Beautiful; work regarding Clean, Green & Beautiful will now be discussed at the Growth Standing Committee meetings. The intent is to create a more efficient way of conducting business and to reduce lengthy meeting times.

Administration will prepare a grant program similar to Community Youth & Cultural Funding, including an online portal for applications. Administration will reach out to former CGB Members to ask for participation in an annual working group to review grant applications in a less formal manner.

The Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee will meet in the fall to discuss the transition forward. The proposed timeline follows:

- September: High School Project grant applications will be discussed
- October: the committee will receive, and review applications received
- November: grant letters will be prepared and distributed in
- December: the committee discussed a wrap-up meeting at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery to discuss the path forward; lunch will be provided.

## **12.2 Memorial Day Banners**

The Memorial Banner Project requires resources to install, hang and remove the banners annually; it was advised that Roads Division does not have internal resources to commit to this project in-kind. It was recommended to allocate \$30,000 from the Image Route budget line and hire a contractor to install the brackets and arms initially and hang and remove the banners for the month of November, for the next 3 years.

MOVED BY: Jason Veltri  
SECONDED BY: Albert Viljoen

WITH RESPECT to the Memorial Banner project we recommend allocating \$30,000 from the Image Route budget line to hire a company to install and remove the banner arms for the next 3 years.

CARRIED

It was noted that the pole arms and brackets can be rented during the other months.

### **13. Announcements**

Re-thinking Waste Coordinator Kennedy Bucci advised that this will be her last meeting as Denise Smith will be returning to her position and Kennedy will be transferring to another position with Eco Superior.

Kennedy also advised that the Rain Barrel Auction was a success and all barrels were sold.

Pride Festival and Parade

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Patterson Park parade starts at 11:00 a.m. and will end at Friendship Gardens

Friendship Gardens stage event will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Eco Superior donated pocket ashtrays for the event.

Thunder Bay Art Gallery (TBAG)

The Moth - Michelle Desrosiers and Zoe Gordon

Friday, July 11, 2025 - Sunday, September 14, 2025

The exhibit is a post apocalyptic experience

Summer Art Camp at TBAG

9 weeks of courses

Registration online

Indigenous Survivors Day

Monday, June 30, 2025

Proclamation signing and Flag Raising Ceremony

City Hall at 10:00 a.m.

followed by a Community Gathering and Sacred Fire at Hillcrest Park at 12:00 p.m.

### **14. Next Meeting**

The Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Meetings will be in the McNaughton Room, at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise noted, as follows:

- Wednesday, September 24, 2025
- Wednesday, October 22, 2025
- Wednesday, November 26, 2025
- Wednesday, December TBD

### **15. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 p.m.