



BOARD OF PARK MANAGEMENT

A meeting of the Board of Park Management was held on **Monday, November 6, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.** in the **Community Hall Lobby Meeting Room** at the Rotary Complex.

PRESENT: Chairman Dave Hanly, Maureen Cocksedge, Carolyn Cuerden, Sheri Maguire, Vice Chair Kimberley Richardson, Councilor Beatty.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councilor Henderson.

STAFF PRESENT: Quin Malott - Manager Parks, Forestry & Cemetery.

MINUTES

2779. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

None declared.

2780. PRESENTATION: (RE)MADE IN STRATFORD FURNITURE PROJECT:

Objective: Deanna Horton proposal to recreate 20th century furniture on a larger-than-life scale using outdoor materials.

Background & Analysis: Ms. Horton approached Chairman Hanly who referred her to staff to facilitate Parks Board access and process.

Staff Recommendation: For the Board's consideration.

Deanna Horton attending accompanied by Brent Shackleton Stratford-Perth Museum Board member. The furniture pieces will be larger than regular size but smaller than at the Stratford-Perth Museum. Seeking approval in principle with specifications and detail to be worked out with staff and the Board prior to final approval.

Initially two sites were considered in the park system. One site near the former Easson furniture site adjacent to Pergola north of the dam. The second site near the former Orr furniture site close to the bandshell. Intention is installation of two pieces of furniture at each site. The pieces would be displayed year-round and of steel composition on a base of picnic table composite material similar to tables on Tom Patterson Island.

Approximate cost of each piece would be \$12,000.00 with the project receiving full funding. Next steps include organization of a committee to administer the project.

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Discussion regarding inclusion of this project in a similar manner to the memorial benches and if sites outside of the park system were under consideration. Ms. Horton indicated yes. Trails and the library were suggested as sites.

Resolution: That the Parks Board approve in principle the (re)Made in Stratford Furniture Project with the two sites as noted being considered. Further that the staff work with Deanna Horton on the applicable specification/detail; and that the project costs be fully funded by the project proponent with no cost to the City.

Mover: Councilor Beatty

Seconded: K. Richardson

Carried

2781. MINUTES:

Objective: The minutes from the September 11, 2023, 2023 meeting provided for approval.

Resolution: That the minutes of the September 11, 2023, meeting be approved.

Mover:

Seconded:

Carried.

2782. ANNUAL PERPETUAL EVENTS IN PARK SYSTEM:

Objective: To inform the Board of upcoming events.

Background and Analysis: Special Event Applications and letters of request provided by Events Coordinator Heather Denny for the Board's awareness. All events are recurring and have received historical approval in principle.

- February 24, 2024 Coldest Night of the Year
- September 1, 2024 Kinsmen Car Show

2783. LABYRINTH LESLIE & JOHN WRIGHT:

Objective: Staff returning to the Board with documented pros and cons on the project locations proposed. Estimated costing following installation not available at this time.

Background and Analysis: The original request [Item #2703 May 2, 2022] was approved "in concept" adjacent to the Ted Blowes Memorial Pollinator Peace Garden

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between the garden and Gallery Stratford. The Wright family has conduit of funding that would assist in facilitating a larger labyrinth and are in process of establishing a team to facilitate the project. The Wrights propose a 42-foot paving stone labyrinth ensuring accessibility, durability with use for a large part of the year.

Staff Recommendation: To consider the information provided.

List of pros and cons for the two sites was provided and reviewed. Q. Malott noted that the site in the butterfly garden area was not suitable for a 42' labyrinth due to space constraints and grading concerns. Issues of hydro and water servicing were discussed with Board members feeling that hydro servicing is required.

Resolution: That the Parks Board approve in principle the proposal of a 45 foot labyrinth at the Birnam Wood Arboretum. Provision for buried hydro service must be included and the project must be fully funded with no cost to the City. Final project specifications/details/funding to be brought back to the Parks Board for final approval.

Mover: Councilor Beatty

Seconded: K. Richardson

Carried.

2785. OTHER BUSINESS:

Indigenous Medicine Garden and Sacred Fire Proposal: awaiting follow-up information from Kevin Bonnell

Swan Herd: rounding up swans for return to winter quarters. Two swans recently spotted on river near Avonbank. Currently have 8 swans.

Winter Tennis Dome: the two trees have been removed. Currently working on a water issue.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Beatty, seconded by S. Maguire at 4:20pm

Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday, December 4, 2023 3:30pm in the **Community Hall Lobby Meeting Room.**

Motion to adjourn.