

**BROWNFIELDS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019
5:15 P.M. CAUCUS ROOM – CITY HALL

N. DiFilippo – Chair

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Nicole DiFilippo, Dara Bowser, Gord Adams, Janice Belleville, Linda Ford, Ken Burns, Councillor Joshua Wall, Jason Smale (left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.), Nicholas Archer (left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Tara Tran, Planning Staff Liaison
Josh Schram, Planning Staff Liaison
Barb Day, Recording Secretary

Jason Smale was welcomed to the Committee.

Moved by K. Burns
Seconded by N. DiFilippo

“THAT the Brownfields Community Advisory Committee THANK Chris Markell, Dara Bowser and Nicholas Archer for their dedication to the Committee over the years.”

CARRIED

At the last Appointments Committee meeting it was decided to reduce Council representation to one Councillor. Membership for the Brownfields Community Advisory Committee (BCAC) is eight members and one potential member from Six Nations.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

**3.1 Switchgrass and other Plant Options for Interim Planning
Larry Davis, Member of the Board of Directors of Ontario
Federation of Agriculture**

Larry Davis, Member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture was invited to the Brownfields Community Advisory Committee to provide information about switchgrass as an interim use

for Brownfield sites. L. Davis advised that he is also a farmer that supplies bio-mass through the Ontario Bio Mass Cooperative.

L. Davis provided detailed information on Switchgrass and Miscanthus, sharing photos and personal knowledge of each crop. In addition to Switchgrass and Miscanthus, L. Davis shared information related to costs, growing seasons, and maintenance for Sunflowers, Hemp, Buckwheat, and Double Cut Clover.

Regarding timelines, T. Tran noted that the redevelopment for the Greenwich Mohawk site is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2019 and following that, Staff would seek direction from Council regarding who (private developers or the city) will develop the Greenwich Mohawk site. It could be approximately a few more years before active construction takes place.

L. Davis advised that it is not worth planting switchgrass or miscanthus for this shorter time period.

J. Smale left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Committee discussed various factors to consider when developing interim use options for the Greenwich Mohawk site. This included zoning, removing concrete and rubble, soil requirements, funding sources, profitability of various crops, security concerns, and community input.

The Subcommittee will report back to the BCAC at the next meeting with further research and information on the following:

- Crops to pursue including; hemp, double cut clover, buckwheat and options from other seed companies.
- A work plan for implementation.

T. Tran will inquire how much money the City has spent so far on property maintenance for the site.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATON

4.1 Letter of Resignation from Chris Markell, Feb. 24, 2018

Moved by J. Belleville

Seconded by D. Bowser

“THAT the letter of resignation from Chris Markell, dated February 24, 2019, BE RECEIVED.”

CARRIED

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Minutes

Moved by N. Archer

“THAT the January 10, 2019 minutes of the Brownfield Community Advisory Committee BE ADOPTED.”

CARRIED

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5.3 Information Items

5.3.1 Greenwich Mohawk Remediation

There were no updates to report at this time.

5.3.2 Sydenham Pearl Remediation

There were no updates to report at this time.

5.4 Annual Goals Review/Sub-Committee Reports

5.4.1 Self-Guided Brownfields Discovery Tour Update

BCAC members reviewed and thanked N. Archer for his work on the article for the publication 4Brant. N. Archer will reduce the length of the article and contact local reporters for assistance in making the article more fact based. N. Archer will submit the revised article to J. Schram, T. Tran, N. DiFilippo and Councillor Wall.

D. Bowser has not heard back from the Real Estate Association regarding the tour and will contact them again.

N. Archer left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

5.4.2 Interim Uses Update

There were no updates to report at this time.

5.4.3 Community Gardens Research Update

There were no updates to report at this time.

5.4.4 Brownfields Prevention Research Update

There were no updates to report at this time.

5.4.5 Remediation of City-Owned Brownfield Sites Update

At the next BCAC meeting, time will be allotted to discuss interim maintenance options for the Greenwich Mohawk site.

5.4.6 Interim Maintenance Research for Greenwich Mohawk Update

There were no updates to report at this time.

5.4.7 Brownfield Strategic Action Plan Update

Membership for the subcommittee will be reassigned. D. Bowser will be available to sit on the subcommittee.

5.4.8 Official Plan Review (Brownfields Policy) Update

Membership for the subcommittee will be reassigned at the next meeting.

Councillor Wall let the Committee know to reach out if there were specific discussions that need to be brought up at Council.

6. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

Election for Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Belleville

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Barb Day
Recording Secretary

Reminder: The next meeting of the Brownfield Community Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.