

SGBP & STTOP COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY, JAN 13, 2008 - 7:30 PM
3281 MYERS LANE

1. SGBPC– confirmation of Committee Members

- SGBPC is a council approved Committee and as such we are expected to practice as a Committee consistent with city procedural policies etc. Basically, we carry out our practices in a responsible, professional manner, and when expected to, we honour the confidentiality of identified items of discussion. The original Council motion that voted our group's existence indicates we can have up to 12 members and that the Mayor and Ward Councilor (jack) would sit on the Committee as elected reps.
- The focus of SGBPC then and now is the preservation of the GB parklands and playfields. While we certainly support the preservation of all city parklands and hope that our efforts will benefit any and all future groups dealing with at risk lands, GB is our focus and keeps us busy enough!
- STTOP is a separate “ad hoc” important group with a focus to the preservation of all parkland in Burlington. Some individuals have elected to sit on both Committees with the understanding that as per the city process, some information requested to be confidential that may arise needs to be respected. Note: I would suggest that members of both groups look at “grouping” your email addresses, separating the two Committees. I would expect that lots of correspondence that is relevant to both will include both Committees but some (i.e. anything “official” in nature sent externally to city hall etc) needs to be from the SGBPC only. I believe we have generally done this to date anyway.

2. SGBP roles:

- ✓ **Chair** – Ken
- ✓ **Assistant to the Chair/Communications & Website** – Amy
- ✓ **Treasurer(s)** – Diane & Cathryn
- ✓ **Secretary** – Cathryn
- ✓ **Sports Liaisons:** Sarah, Murray, Rocco
- ✓ **Volunteer Co-ordinators:** Katie, (Louis and Ian may support from STTOP?)
- ✓ **Researchers:** Bob, Murray,
- ✓ **School Board(s) strategists:** Katie, John, Rocco, Rebecca (“back-up”)

***Note: everyone both Committees would work together for event planning etc.**

3. Next steps:

- **Tues, Jan 15 – Sustainable Halton public mtg**(Central Arena 6-9)
Who can attend and ask a question regarding how the preservation of GB green space fits into city's sustainable plan/policy?
- **Mon, Jan 21 – City Hall budget mtg** (1:00 pm)
Cathryn is delegating in support of strategic land acquisition fund. Who will be attending for support?
- **City Ward public budget input meetings**

- **Friday, Jan 18 – deadline date for MPP Savoline response**

4. Other business:



Upcoming meeting with City Staff:

- Awaiting date of meeting but we will be requesting that it be an evening mtg (as has been the case in the past) to ensure member attendance. Members of STTOP and the public are very welcome to attend as well.
- It is expected that the new City Manager, Director of Parks, Tim C, Charlotte and Ron S and Kim would likely be in attendance. We have input to the agenda of course and Kim will forward us a copy once date has been confirmed (likely end of Jan).
- We agreed that we will continue to strive to present ourselves as a unified, ambitious, professional group and we will do our part to be respectful of the process. This will ensure our accountability to each other as dedicated volunteers and to the public whos interests we are striving to look out for.
- **And...**
 - Murray's soccer club had to cancel their Wednesday night games after 24 years because they didn't have a decent field to play on. He also has 64 people on a waiting list.
 - Sarah is still awaiting a response from HDSB about returning the GB playfields to the city use inventory again.
 - City parks maintenance staff are making a mess of the fields this winter by driving all over them to empty garbage cans

5. Not discussed:

- **FOI with HDSB update**

Adjournment 10:00.