



Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

December 5, 2023

Council Chambers

Members Present: Amanda Bellefeuille, Deanna Perry, Donna Daw, Jan Fitzpatrick, Mary Kate Laphen, Maureen O'Halloran, Paul Marriott, Councilor Maitland

Members Absent: Janice Ife

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof

None Declared.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Donna Daw

Seconded by: Maureen O'Halloran

That the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee does hereby approve the agenda, as circulated.

Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Donna Daw

Seconded by Amanda Bellefeuille

That the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee does hereby approve the Minutes of: October 17, 2023 as amended.

Carried.

4. Business Items

- a) Review of the purpose of the Community Wellness and Environmental Committee and discussion of committee norms and procedures.

Chair delivered a power point presentation to review the purpose of our advisory committee, roles, expectations for involvement and review protocol. For information only.

- b) Update on the EV charging stations.

Donna Daw reported that the member of the former Environmental Committee who was writing a proposal is no longer in the village. Determined that we should not duplicate any work that others may be working on.

Move to recommend that Council enquire with the Chamber of Commerce about the status of the installation of EV charging stations within the village.

Seconded by: Paul Marriott

Carried

- c) Update on work of previous Environmental Committee regarding Canadian Wildlife Federation and Rights of Way Pollinator Habitat Restoration Program.

Paul Marriott presented information regarding the above program. In Resolution 001- 22 strongly recommended participation in the program. A manual is available which contains information from passive to active restoration of Right of Ways through pollination, mowing, profile of road and height of vegetation. Unaware of whether it is still an active program.

Request to Council to authorize the CWEAC to contact gather information on this program by contacting CWF as well as neighbouring municipalities and Municipal Staff.

- d) Heartwood Battery Energy Storage Project – information item and discussion

Discussion of the project resulting in a concern about the lack of information especially about general safety, fire safety, volunteer fire department and the environmental assessment.

5. New Business

- a) Request for a presentation to the committee on the Merrickville-Wolford Strategic Plan.
- b) Committee goal setting

After a brief discussion it was determined that to set goals the committee needed direction.

Requested that Councilor Maitland speak with Council regarding direction for the committee.

Items for the next meeting: Recycling program, RE USE IT or Free Cycle Program involving a container at the landfill.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 6, 2024

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Donna Daw

Seconded by: Amanda Bellefeuille

That the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee does hereby adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Carried