

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

June 25, 2015

Present: Anne de Gobeo, Shelley Innes, Gary Brown, Martin Cathrae, Councillor Steve Ireland, Councillor Chuck MacInnis.

Absent: Carol Williams.

No pecuniary interests declared

Additions to agenda - Plastic Water Bottles/Keurig Pods, Blue Dot Movement

M/S Martin Cathrae/Shelley Innes, to approve the agenda with changes, carried.

M/S Shelley Innes/Gary Brown, to hold nominations for chair of the committee at the next meeting, carried. Anne de Gobeo agreed to be Acting Chair.

M/S Steve Ireland, Shelley Innes, nominate Martin Cathrae for secretary of the committee, Martin accepted, carried.

New Business

1. Web Page
 - Concern was raised about the timeliness of website updates regarding the environmental advisory committee.
 - Action - Councillor MacInnis will ask at the next council meeting whether we can have someone on our committee get permission to update the site ourselves or if we could have more timely updates, perhaps quarterly.
2. Update of Plans at Landfill Site
 - Rumours have been noted that the landfill is now separating compostables out.
 - There was discussion of confirming the rumour as well as possibilities of offering other progressive ideas.
 - Anne will ask Frederick for a copy of a report that was filed from the EAC from a visit to the Perth Landfill where some progressive practices were observed.
 - The frequent burning of brush and alternatives was discussed.
 - Action - Councillor MacInnis will ask council at the next meeting for an update on the landfill site and whether they would be open to recommendations.
3. Paving Side of County Road 43 between CP Bridge and County Road 23
 - The EAC was curious if the paving of the shoulders was confirmed.
 - Councillor MacInnis stated that he believed it was going to happen, most likely this summer when that section of the highway was repaved.
4. Recycling Bin Locations/Plans

- The EAC was wondering if there was an official plan with the municipal recycling bins in the village.
 - Are there set areas, will there be more of them?
 - Action - Councillor Ireland will ask Dave Powers to see if there is a current plan and if we can get more of them as well as if they have any advice for further locations. One other question would be if they empty them on Saturdays or not.
5. Plastic Water Bottles/Keurig Pods
- A question was raised as to whether the keurig pods are recyclable. It seems that currently they are not but you can buy refillable ones.
 - A question was raised as to whether plastic water bottles are refillable. Only the large ones (eg 5 gallon jugs).
 - A concern was raised as to the quality of the water that comes in plastic bottles where they are not held to the same standards as our municipal water treatment.
 - Action - the EAC will do more research and discuss at a later date to determine if there are any recommendations we can make to council.
6. Blue Dot Movement
- The EAC briefly discussed the idea behind the movement, a right for people to have clean water, fresh air, and healthy food.
 - Committee members will look up more information and discuss again at the next meeting if we can agree on a recommendation to council.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 23, 2015 at 5:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Martin Cathrae, seconded by Shelley Innes, carried.