

Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

August 27, 2015

Present: Shelley Innes, Carol Williams, Anne deGobeo, Gary Brown, Sylvia Blanchard,
Councillor Chuck MacInnis

Absent: Councillor Stephen Ireland

Call To Order by Gary: 17:35

No pecuniary interests declared.

Introductions for new member - Sylvia Blanchard

Additions to agenda

Discussion on Resolution to keep large wind turbines out of Municipality

Comments About Board and Committee Training Cancellation

M/S , Anne deGobeo/Shelley Innes to pass the agenda, Carried

Minutes of July were approved by email. (Carol moved, Shelley Seconded, carried)

Old Business

1. Web page update: Anne will have access to create and update the page as we want, then Jill will approve. Anne will contact Jill and present ideas to committee for the next meeting.
2. Landfill site: Frederick sent the final report for review. Chuck reports that there is a landfill committee that he is on. Environmental Advisory Committee can still discuss and be involved with the landfill as our mandates could overlap. Action: Chuck will get information on the landfill group for us for next meeting. No subsidies currently for backyard composters. Possible recommendation from us to subsidize composters with an educational component. We could do our own video for education. Motion: recommendation to council to a) support the backyard composting program and b) provide backyard composters at cost as part of AECOM plan of 2011 and c) we would provide the educational component. Motion by Shelley, Seconded by Anne, carried.
3. Recycling bin locations/plans: Move main discussion to next meeting due to waiting on information. Steve Ireland reports that Dave Powers will be sending a report on a new bin on St. Lawrence and Saturday pickups. Large Events

Recycling: Gary noticed at the fair that there was a lack of recycling bins. Action: Chuck will make a request at council to have planning for large events.

4. Plastic Water Bottles: Anne to report on discussion with city of Cornwall and the installation of their water bottle refilling stations. Cornwall does water filling stations only. They are US made, appx. \$10 000 per station. Possible agreement with a local business to help with maintaining or supporting. Action: Anne will put a report together to investigate to allow us to present to council.
5. LED Street Lights - There was a discussion at the last council meeting regarding moving forward on the project. Chuck will confirm the timeline. Environmental Advisory Committee is excited and supports the initiative! No need for Frederick to send the committee copies of the street light project proposal.
6. Solar composters: Chuck will continue to follow up with getting information on solar composters.
7. Blue Dot Movement – Our plan is to present the non binding resolution for the village to consider passing. Then continue with county and provincial discussions. Gary will make a presentation to council on the resolution and ask them to pass the resolution. The thought is we'll bring the resolution as Carol has drafted it. For the presentation we will have some additions like information on how many municipalities have passed similar resolutions. Gary will send a draft for us. We will keep our resolution separated from the Blue Dot Movement. We'll aim for the council meeting at the end of September. Motion Carol: we will ask to be a delegation in an upcoming council meeting. Seconded Martin, carried.

New Business

1. Discussion on Resolution to keep large wind turbines out of Municipality: Chuck will ask for a copy of the resolution that council made regarding the stand on wind turbines. We would like to be involved in future resolutions regarding environmental issues.
2. Vision 2020: Merrickville Goes Green will create a vision for Merrickville to be the greenest municipality by 2020. They will be meeting next Monday evening at the Goose and Gridiron.
3. Comments About Board and Committee Training Cancellation: Members are disappointed over the cancellation. Even past members have never had training. We do want the training.

Adjournment

Carol motions to adjourn, Anne Seconded, 16:55

Next meeting September 24th, 2015 17:30.