

Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

February 21, 2013

Present: Carol Williams, Shelley Inness, Anne de Gobeo, Councillor Don Halpenny, Tom Beach.

No pecuniary interests declared

No additions to agenda.

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

Minutes were approved by email following the last meeting.

Old Business

1. Scott will be contacted to make a presentation to council on vermicomposting.

It was noted that composting can be used for fill on site but, to distribute it free or for sale, it will need to be analysed.

2. Bike racks and Trails BF for Sylvia Blanchard to report
3. Garbage bag survey – was very interesting. The purpose could have been more clearly described in documentation. The Village of Merrickville Wolford Council will have a public meeting and let people know the reasons.
4. Earth Hour and Earth Day events were requested to be listed in the Council Notes and put on the website.
5. Pitch In Campaign is April 21 to April 27. We need to let Pitch In know if we have activities organized. We also need to order clear garbage bags for recycling items.

Key groups to contact – Merrickville Public School, St. Margarite Bourgeois, Rideau District Health Services, Merrickville Goes Green, Youth Group, Merrickville Wolford Council, Cubs and Scouts, Trails Group.

M/S - Anney de Gobeo/ Tom Beach that The Village of Merrickville Wolford Council approve an invitation be made to residents to attend a briefing on participation in Pitch-In Week on March 21 at 5:30 at the council chamber and include a notice of this briefing and the Pitch In week (April 21 - 27) in the Council Notes, in the April Phoenix and on the The Village of Merrickville Wolford website. Further that The Village of Merrickville Wolford Council support acceptance of the bags at the landfill site for April 24 to May 11 inclusive. Carried

ACTION: Members to contact groups and invite them to the next Environment Advisory Committee on March 21st at 5:30.

Tom to prepare a session for people on that day.

Shelley to speak to Frederick Martin, Assistant Administrative Officer, about ordering 200 clear bags from Pitch In campaign and making them available at the Village of Merrickville Wolford office, 2 per person.

Don to talk to Dave Powers to ensure he is aware of the EAC motion to request acceptance of the bags at the Landfill Site for April 24 to May 11.

6. Chemical Based waste management product disposal to discuss in future when there is a greater need.
7. Merrickville Goes Green will hold their Eco Fair on May 11th with the theme on food and gardening.

MGG is working to increase the number of gardens around town. One at the Ice cream Shop last summer and working on having others around town.

Reminders that Earth Day 2013 is on April 22nd and Earth Hour is at 8:30 to 9:30pm March 23rd.

New Business

1. Showcase in London Ontario FYI go to - www.gtmconference.ca
2. Earthcorp.com to learn about saving electricity costs with LED street lighting.
3. Global Crisis, Urban Answers is a move by urban centres to reduce their emissions, recycle and be more energy efficient. It is encouraging to see large population centres make concrete plans to slow global warming. See the attached *Global Crisis, Urban Answers pdf* which may be of interest to The Village of Merrickville Wolford councillors.

6:30 pm M/S Carol Williams/Shelley Innes to adjourn.

Next meeting: March 21st at 5:30 beginning with a briefing on the Pitch In campaign.