

# Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 31, 2016

**Present:** Martin Cathrae, Councillor Chuck MacInnis, Councillor Steve Ireland, Shelley Innes, Carol Williams, Anne de Gobeo, Silvia Blanchard, Gary Brown

**Absent:** none

Call to Order by Anne at 17:34

Approval/Additions to Agenda: Additions: Turtle Recovery Strategy, Declaration to a Healthy Environment. Approved as amended. M/S: Shelley/Carol

No pecuniary interests declared.

Minutes of the previous meeting were passed by email M/S: Carol/Shelley.

## Old Business

- Terms of Reference: The Terms of Reference have had a minor wording correction and will be printed and submitted to council.
- New Waste-Free Ontario Act (Bill 151): This is something that we should be aware of and think about if it would impact us or if there is anything we can glean from it. Carol will ask Alfred if he has any advice for us regarding this bill.
- Strategic Plan: Update from Councillor MacInnis/Councillor Ireland: Anne will be liaison from our committee. We'll be contacted for input. Councillor MacInnis asks if we should have an Environmental Plan for us to follow and be able to put it forward to the overall Strategic Plan. Anne will create, with the help of Shelley, a basic outline of where we see ourselves in 5 years then as a committee fill in the details. Anne will have a basic outline for next meeting.
- Recycling bin locations/plans: We left the overall location strategy to the Public Works Manager. Councillor MacInnis will follow up with them.
- Follow-up on motion: The EAC recommends that the full \$74500 be requested in the budget for 2016 to implement the full proposal of changes for the landfill and waste management system: Councillor Ireland reports that the weigh scale amount had made it into the draft budget. Councillor MacInnis believes that some of the request was not in the draft initially, however all of the request is now in the draft. With budget pressures we should expect that some of the smaller items may be cut in the final version.

## New Business

- Pitch-IN: There is a mention in the Phoenix. We have lots of bags ready. However it was missed in our recent meetings so we had no official notice ready. Anne will send the information to Councillor MacInnis and he will update his website. Anne will contact Jennifer Westendorp as well. We will confirm with Frederick (who is running Pitch-In) the details. April 20<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> will be the dates for the dump (20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>). Individual Assignments were doled out for contacting different groups who have participated in the past/may participate for this one.
- Compost bin update: Shelley reports that Merrickville Goes Green (10-3 May 28<sup>th</sup>) will have composters for sale. There may be an option for a bit of a rebate if Council passes the budget request of subsidising a number of composters.

- AMO Policy Update - Climate Change Mitigation and Low Carbon Economy Act, 2016, Regulation: Councillor Ireland reports that the policy seems to be moving forward. We feel it's a step in the right direction.
- Turtle Recovery Strategy: We appreciate that Frederick sent this forward to us. There will be 60 days for a public comment. We won't be sending anything as a committee, however Silvia mentions that she may have some comments.
- Declaration to a Healthy Environment. We request that council brings the declaration back to the table with emphasis that it is a non-legal agreement.

### Round Table Discussion

Next Meeting: April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016, 17:30

Adjournment: 18:35 M/S Gary/Martin