

Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

Oct 18, 2012

Present: Carol Williams, Shelley Innes, Councilor Dave Nash, Councillor Don Halpenny, Tom Beach.

No pecuniary interests declared

Addition to agenda New Business – Disposing of non hazardous but messy waste.

M/S Shelley Innes/Tom Beach to accept agenda. Carried

Minutes were approved by email following the last meeting.

Old Business

1. Pitch In

Funding for Pitch In was approved by MW Council on October 9th.

NOTE: add Planning for Pitch In campaign to the January EAC meeting agenda

2. Perth recycling and landfill visit.

Dave Nash reported that Merrickville-Wolford had 210 tons of recycling in 2011. 162 tons of fiber and 48 tons of containers. Recycling of plastics #3 to 7 has been included in the 2013 call for tenders.

M/S Tom/Shelley to applaud council for including an expansion of recycling of containers and offer our assistance to get the message out to the residents.

From the visit to the Perth site EAC members agreed that MW needs to consider joining with other municipalities to negotiate recycling and remuneration contracts. The group was also impressed with the system Perth has for recycling a wide variety of materials in bins which separated materials for recycling or garbage and limited the number of vehicles going onto the landfill area.

The Perth site's ability to compost included food waste mixed with wood chips which they received from other municipalities. Merrickville Wolford might consider coordinating with North Grenville on composting since MW has the space and, with NG input, the level of organic waste and wood chips may be sufficient to operate a site. NG may be prepared to pay for disposal of organic waste in a green style composting program instead of paying to move them through the waste transfer site.

Other practices at the Perth site included chipping of wood and offering building materials to salvage companies.

ACTION: Members of the EAC to attend the public meeting on Waste Management.

M/S Tom Beach/Shelley Innes to invite the Chair of the Waste Management committee to attend the EAC immediately following the Public Meeting on waste management. Carried.

3. Green Building Design

Report back from council. Council was not supportive of the planner reviewing building designs and suggesting green alternatives because it would cost the municipality money for the planner to do such a review for each building permit. It was felt that green designs are addressed by being in the revised Ontario building codes.

ACTION EAC members to identify information that would be of assistance to people considering on building and how to make them aware of the information that would help them make more energy conscious building decisions.

ACTION: EAC members to identify small municipalities who are promoting green designs and how they are doing it.

New Business

1. Bike Racks Bring Forward for next meeting
2. How to dispose of non hazardous, but chemical based waste products?

A brief discussion on options for disposing of chemical based waste products and decision to research options.

Roundtable - No discussion

Adjournment M/S Shelley Innes/Tom Beach.

Next meeting Nov 15th at 5:15