

Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

February 16, 2012

Present: Carol Williams, Shelley Innes, Anne De Gobeo, Councillor Dave Nash, Councillor Don Halpenny, Tom Beach, Mayor Doug Struthers.

Regrets: Sylvia Blanchard

No pecuniary interests declared

No additions to agenda

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

M/S to approve minutes of January , 2011 Anne De Gobeo/Shelley Innes and carried by e-mail messages on January 24 and 25.

Old Business

1. Environmental page on website

Anne and Carol have reviewed what was on the website and will have revisions ready to send to Jill Eagle. Content is still being updated on the new site so it is taking time to get it updated

Additional suggestions given re: add tyre recycling (no charge), the and the free cycle centre. Must also use the correct name for the Integrated Environmental Waste Recycling Management Centre.

Also add in the Community Garden group Community Garden Group will be meeting next week and discuss a formal name and objectives.

ACTION: Anne will send the most recent revision around for final comment before sending it to Jill Eagle.

2. Low glare lights.

Smiths falls is using all LED, directional lighting and replacing lights as they burn out. They are willing to sharing the figures they have for costs and savings they have made – expect to have figures sometime in the next couple months.

ACTION Anne will report to EAC when she gets the cost comparison from Smiths Falls and EAC will pass the information on to Council when received.

3. Sustainability activities, workshops and discussions.

Shelley got the information about registration . The process is for the EAC to make a recommendation to council to make a pledge – registered on the website.

Councillor Dave Nash discussed the option for registering on the site with Council and Council is supportive.

ACTION: All members to view the website and determine if it would be something that Merrickville Wolford as a municipality should register.

If all are in agreement, we will make a formal recommendation to Council next meeting, to pledge as a municipality, why it would be beneficial and any specific requirements or commitments.

4. Waste Diversion

We are currently getting funds from recycling of tyres and metal.

MW wants to increase the amount of waste diversion and is looking at other opportunities for diversion and recycling. Council will also be looking at contracts for curb side pickup and other services. The contract is now annual and can be reviewed and revised each time.

ACTION: Shelley and Anne will continue to research what other municipalities are doing and make recommendations to Council.

Take it back option

Shelley spoke with REAL about the program which is a collaborative effort of the municipalities. If Merrickville Wolford would like to join, there would be an initial cost, which may be negotiable (current rate is \$1,500), and an ongoing annual maintenance fee of \$350.

ACTION: EAC will view the REAL website – Shelley will send members the link and we will discuss alternative action we can take – grants available,

EAC members are flexible on the time in April to tour the Perth Waste Management Centre. Note: Staff are also interested in participating.

ACTION: Shelley Innes will check on times and options to arrange for EAC members and MW staff to tour of the Perth Waste Management Center in April.

5. Plans for the Ecofair are underway. Saturday, May 12th. Will have Rain Barrels for sale.
6. Pitch It In campaign registration funds are included in the budget that is going forward to Council for approval.

Suggestion that the EAC coordinate the work. It is an opportunity to engage the community and community groups.

ACTION: Anne will find out what is involved in organizing the event and send details to the EAC members next week.

New Business

1. Yellow Fish Road Campaign is not registered for municipality.

ACTION: Anne will follow up with contacts to get correct information about who is involved to add to the website.

For the next agenda. Comments from consultant on the Waste Management Study that it was impressive to see the recycling options. Identify other strategic locations where the bins be can placed and develop a long term plan to purchase and locate them.

Adjournment at 7:30pm M/S Shelley Innes/Tom Beach carried.

Next Meeting March 15 at 6:30