

Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

October 22, 2015

Present: Anne deGobeo, Carol Williams, Gary Brown, Silvia Blanchard, Councillor Chuck MacInnis, Councillor Stephen Ireland

Absent: Shelley Innes

Call To Order by Anne: 17:45

No pecuniary interests declared.

Minutes of the previous meeting were passed by email.

Additions to agenda

1. Terms of Reference
2. Updates from Mayor Nash
3. Training Received

M/S Silvia/Gary, to pass the agenda, Carried

Old Business

1. Web page: Anne has changes to send to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Social media will also be going through Anne and she will discuss with the CAO and report next month. A seasonal posting for fall was discussed. The main idea will be to post about recommendations of what to do with leaves (mulch is best, otherwise take to the dump where we believe they use it as ground cover). Anne will add this to the discussion with the CAO.
2. Landfill site: Perth Report from Carol. Following a visit from Environmental Advisory Committee members in 2012 a recommendation was drafted. The main points were that there was a suggestion to work with other municipalities to attempt to negotiate contracts, Perth has more bins for sorting of material, and they have the ability to compost food waste. Carol has contacted them to see if anything has changed in the three years since the visit/report. For next meeting we will discuss further upon hearing back from the Perth Landfill regarding what they are doing for composting. Food waste composting would be the biggest impact for diversion. We also hope to find out from Limerick Environmental Services what some of our ongoing statistics are related to amounts of waste and recycling. We can use that information for social media content and further guidance. Councillors will ask the Public Works Manager to get that information from Limerick Environmental Services. Anne will ask the CAO.
3. Recycling bin locations/plans: No discussions with village staff have been had to date, we will follow up next meeting. Anne will follow up with the CAO. Councillor MacInnis and Councillor Ireland will continue to follow up with the Public Works Manager.
4. Water filling station: Anne has discussed Cornwall's water filling station with their Public Works GM. Their purpose and station location was different than ours so Anne is not sure if the

investment would be as valuable for our municipality. Before we drop the idea we will have a bit more discussion. Anne has some more research to do and will report back next meeting.

5. LED Street Lights: Mayor Nash gave us a bit of an update prior to our meeting. The project is moving forward, The lights are 4000K temperature, a standard temperature across North America. There will be large savings (65% appx electricity cost, 80% maintenance, 10 year warranty). The project has been pushed back to late November/early December. Up front costs after incentive is \$85000 and payoff will take approximately 2 years. We recommend that council should have this sort of information in their meeting notes as it would help clear up public confusion.
6. Solar Composters: Councillor MacInnis has gone further with contacting through the government of Nova Scotia but still hasn't reached the correct person. He is hoping to have made contact before our next meeting.
7. Declaration to the Right to a Healthy Environment: Councillor MacInnis reports that he believes the presentation was well received. Councillor MacInnis will bring up the status of the declaration with council as to why it is not on the action list. Anne will ask the CAO if there is a pending action for council as well.
8. Vision 2020: Shelley is absent so no report from her. We noted that an original document was found with the same name from 1997 before amalgamation (so didn't include Wolford). The document was coincidentally named the same as the new local group and is not related. There are meetings ongoing with the group at the Goose and Gridiron (Tuesday 27th October 17:00 next meeting). Some of our members are planning to attend.

New Business

1. Terms of Reference: Councillor MacInnis will send out a draft of what he thinks it should look like and what the municipality has in place. Councillor Ireland read us the By-Law 1-98 section pertaining to what the Environmental Advisory Committee's current purpose is. We will work via email to come up with new Terms of Reference.
2. Updates from Mayor Nash: Prior to our meeting Mayor Nash gave us some information on Abundant Solar Energy's new FIT solar project as we had members of the public asking us about it with concerns or complaints. It is currently in the application process and council has no say in the project as it is a private enterprise. It was brought to council to attempt to get their endorsement. We request that council or staff communicate these sorts of issues and information to the EAC after receiving it. Thank you to Mayor Nash for the updates!
3. Training Received: CAO and committee members came in early for training. EAC appreciates the time taken and the training!

In the future we will add a Challenges and Accomplishments section after New Business in order to assist Council with input into their annual reports.

Round Table Discussion

Adjournment

Carol motions to adjourn, Gary Seconded, 18:58

Next meeting November 26th, 2015 17:30