

## Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

February 13, 2014

**Present:** Shelley Inness, Sylvia Blanchard, Carol Williams, Councillor Don Halpenny, Tom Beach, Anne deGobeo.

No pecuniary interests declared

M/S Carol Williams/Shelley Innes, to pass the agenda, Carried

Minutes of January were approved by email,

### Old Business

1. Website

Anne updated the website info. Comments received. Tom to send revision with minutes.

*Motion: Simple updates to the content on the environmental page of the webpage have been made. EAC requests that these revisions be made. M/S Tom Beach/Shelley Innes, carried.*

2. Pipeline

Councillor Don Halpenny provided information from the Municipal World booklet on the emergency response plan including a response to an environmentally threatening accident. Locally Merrickville Fire Department can address smaller issues, larger emergencies would necessitate assistance from larger centres such as Ottawa or Kingston.

It was noted that the Ontario Energy Board is undertaking public consultations to report on the Energy East pipeline. The Ontario Energy Board will express concerns from Ontario Communities to the National Energy Board. For more information go to:

*Motion: In two previous EAC minutes, the EAC has expressed our grave concern about the Energy East pipeline and recommended that the Village of Merrickville Woford Council express concern about the potential environmental dangers the pipeline poses. The EAC now recommends that Council attend the information meeting on the Energy East Pipeline to be held March 12<sup>th</sup> in Smith's Falls and that Council voice their concern to Federal and Provincial MPs and at the Ontario Energy Board consultations taking place within the next six weeks.*

*M/S Sylvia Blanchard/Shelley Innes/ carried unanimously.*

Pitch In Canada

Council will build \$350 into the budget for 2014.

**ACTION to put an article on Pitch In Campaign in the April edition of the Phoenix. Tom and Shelley to revise article written in 2013.**

### **New Business**

The EAC was pleased to see the community interest in the Food Hub Foundation and encourages and supports this initiative.

6:30 pm M/S by Anne deGobeo/Shelley Innes to adjourn.

Next meeting: March 20, 2014 at 5:30.