

Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

May 23, 2013

Present: Shelley Inness, Anne de Gobeo, Councillor Don Halpenny, Tom Beach.

No pecuniary interests declared

Additions to agenda – PR follow up from the Pitch In, New Business: Recycling bins.

M/S Shelley Innes/Tom Beach, to pass the agenda, Carried

Minutes of February were approved by email, no minutes for March (Pitch In info session) or April (discussion).

Old Business

1. Website update: New information to be updated on the site.

ACTION: All to view site for information to update and Anne to send new information to CEO Jill Eagle.

2. Pitch In follow up. EAC will gather information on the groups that participated in 2012. Tom will collate the information for planning next year and write an article for the Phoenix for the July issue. NOTE: due before June 20th.

ACTION: All to send information to Tom by May 31– Name of group, number in group, area covered, time it took, number of bags of garbage and number of bags of recycle collected, any helpful hints for next year.

Tom to write draft of article and send it to the EAC for comment by June 10th, comments back by 15th article submitted by 19th.

NOTE when submitting the Pitch In article, ask the Phoenix to do a reminder of recycling tyres and electronics.

3. Cycling update – Chris Wrona, President of Chamber of Commerce will discuss with Trails group and cycling group how to promote cycling.

M/S Shelly/Tom To recommend to council that Council provide bike racks for 30 bikes in a central location near Food Market and coffee shop. Carried.

4. Feedback to MGG on the Eco Fair. The Eco Fair had new businesses involved and participation equal to last year. There is a question of how to attract new people and inform others. Should Eco Fair join with NG on one event and focus more on networking such as EcoSource or EcoOttawa? Eco Fair is unique because it

represents the immediate community and promotes networking within the community. Discussion on the potential to facilitate workshops on eco topics.

5. Joint meeting of Ag Committee and EAC.
6. **ACTION EAC will identify items of joint interest as they arise and propose a meeting with AAC based on a specific topic of joint interest.**

New Business

1. Recycle Bins. There are stationary bins but some are not always in the same location. Don will find out if there are specific locations or, if bins are moved, why they are moved and how locations are identified.

Don will also ask whether cigarette disposal sites are designated and maintained.

6:20 pm M/S Tom Beach/Shelley Innes to adjourn.

Next meeting: June 20, 2013 at 5:30.