

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) – Minutes

Sept. 22, 2016

Call to Order – at 5:35 pm.

In Attendance: Carol Williams, Anne de Gobeo, Stephen Ireland, Chuck MacInnis, Gary Brown, Shelley Innes, Silvia Blanchard, CAO John Regan. Regrets: Martin Cathrae

Approval/Additions to Agenda – Additions – Update on the County Meeting (Pipeline details) and update on a personnel matter. M/S – S. Innes/S. Blanchard that the agenda be accepted as amended. Carried.

Old Business

Strategic plan update –The public survey will be available on the website the end of September. Action: Each member encouraged to provide their input. The EAC will revisit the Environmental goals for the Strategic Plan in Nov.

Declaration on the Rights to a Healthy Environment – Referred to the M-W Strategic Plan.

Styrofoam / Polystyrene Ban – Retendering of recycling contract is coming up.

Action: CAO will check on what can be recycled (Styrofoam, Polystyrene and Waxed Cardboard specifically) and will notify Anney.

Action: Shelley will talk with Merrickville business owners to find out what disposable containers are being used and what environmentally-sound substitutes may be used.

Action: Bring forward to next meeting those additional items which may be recycled.

The committee has agreed that having larger blue boxes, rather than yellow ones is fine.

Weigh Scale status – Will most likely be operating next week and fully operational by November.

Landfill Signage –

Action: CAO will check on the status of the recycling signs and suggest that extra space be left for additional items.

Update on Composter sales-

Four of the 50 composters have been sold.

Action: Include details about the composters in the next council notes and on the website.

New Business

Discussion on the TransCanada Open House -
Merrickville-Wolford abstained from endorsement of the TransCanada pipeline. The EAC is sincerely grateful that council held a public meeting on the pipeline.

Personnel - CAO reported that Laurie Graham had resigned from her position at the Landfill site.

Motion to adjourn – M/S Silvia Blanchard, Shelley Innes. Carried.

Next meeting: Oct 27th, 5:30