



**A meeting of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee
was held on the above date at 4:00 p.m.
Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road W. – Mansbridge Meeting Room**

Present: Councillor Kerry McManus – Chair Presiding, Emily Chandler, Anna Stratton, Councillor Bonnie Henderson, *Dave Hanly, Dave Mabee, Vanni Azzano, Marianne Hawley, Craig Merkley

Staff Present: Taylor Crinklaw – Project Engineer, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Also Present: Kelsea Walsh

Absent: Ethan Elliott, Lorraine Kuepfer, Angela Bossence, Kate Simpson

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor McManus called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES – May 10, 2018

Motion by Dave Hanly, seconded by Dave Mabee that the minutes dated May 10, 2018 are adopted as printed. Carried.

4.0 UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

Ecological

Craig Merkley reported that Council approved the additional \$7,000.00 for the most recent shoreline work completed. They have scheduled the aquatic planting along the shoreline near the end of June. They have enough summer students available to do the plantings. UTRCA is working with the City of Stratford Parks staff to make a plan for future shoreline work. They will prioritize what areas need work.

*Vanni Azzano and Emily Chandler now present (4:15 p.m.)

Mr. Merkley reported that the invasive species work is scheduled to begin on Friday, June 22. They will cut down what they can and then work from there.

Waste & Water

Emily Chandler, Craig Merkley, Councillor Henderson and Dave Mabee all visited Storm Fisher for the tour of their facility. It was very interesting to hear about the quantities of waste and what exactly they accept at the facility. They have very little waste that they send to the landfill. Storm Fisher is a large operation with approximately 35 employees; Stratford would be approximately 20% the size of their facility. They profit mainly from tipping fees, but also fertilizer produced and energy generated. The smell of the facility is mainly contained inside. They are located in close proximity of a residential area and meet frequently with local residents to ensure concerns are dealt with. Emily Chandler will e-mail pictures to the committee.

Energy

Anna Stratton has met with former E&E member Christie Bertrand to discuss her recent work assisting not-for-profit organizations improve their energy costs. They also met with Festival Hydro to gain information regarding their incentives and programs for energy efficiency upgrades. Festival Hydro will do audits and recommend what programs are available to organizations. Festival Hydro will match 50% of the costs to do the audit, the organization funds the other 50%. They also offer programs for residential and commercial buildings. Ms. Stratton will inquire if they can also meet with a representative from Union Gas to discuss their programs. Councillor McManus noted that the city has done energy reports in the past on city-owned buildings, however it has been a few years since they were done. Members suggested with the possibility of the new Community Hub, there could be a focus on environmental sustainability when that facility is built.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Priorities for 2018/Budget Update

Councillor Henderson has confirmation from staff that ten cigarette butt recycling receptacles can be placed downtown as a trial. The butts are picked up free of charge to be recycled. There is a two pound minimum for the pick-ups. The manager of Public Works has confirmed that staff will empty the receptacles in the downtown core. She will confirm with staff regarding the issue of having to possibly dry the cigarette butts prior to being picked up for recycling.

Motion by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Craig Merkley that the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee spends up to a maximum of \$1,200.00 from their 2018 budget on (10) cigarette butt receptacles to be placed in the downtown core. Carried.

Some addition projects still being worked on for the 2018 budget are the green gardening booklets, fall tree plantings, an E&E display banner and possibly a bike valet, which is a mobile bike rack that can be set up at events.

Councillor McManus suggested that Emily Chandler and Craig Merkley could do a presentation in the fall on the rehabilitation of the Avon River shoreline.

Vanni Azzano suggested inquiring if Stratford could borrow Oxford County's sustainable house to display. Councillor McManus suggested having it at the Fall Fair would be great time. Emily Chandler will look into this option.

Emily Chandler will continue to work on the waste reduction plan for events. She will circulate the checklist to members to review. The document will require to be reviewed by the Waste Reduction Coordinator and staff in the Clerk's office prior to printing and being included with event applications. Dave Mabey inquired if there was a recycling bylaw that enforces that any businesses operating in the park system must provide a recycling option. Staff will send his inquiry to the Waste Reduction Coordinator for her feedback.

Members will continue to work on adding to the Google Doc Emily Chandler has started. This can be sent to Mike Beitz as a list of E&E topics he could share on social media. It is helpful to share links to organizations that specialize in green living advice and tips.

(b) UTRCA Green Program Update (St. Aloysius) – Vanni Azzano

Vanni Azzano reported that the digesters have been delayed arriving to the school. He will give an update at the September meeting.

6.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

Avon River Shoreline Boat Tour (June 14, 2018 @ 5:30)
David Mayberry – November 14, 2018
Stratford Landfill Tour – TBD

*Dave Hanly no longer present (5:20 p.m.)

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

8.0 SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES FOR MIKE BEITZ

9.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – Sept. 13, 2018 – 4:00 p.m. – Rotary Complex (Mansbridge Rm)

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dave Mabee, seconded by Marianne Hawley that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Time: 5:25 p.m.