



**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, Marianne Hawley, Ethan Elliott, Lorraine Kuepfer, Craig Merkley, *Angela Bossence

Staff Present: Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sammie Orr, *Shayne Douglas Ward, *Julie Hastings, Audrey Bossence-Mosher

Absent: Vanni Azzano, Dave Mabee, Taylor Crinklaw – Project Engineer, Kate Simpson – Waste Reduction Co-ordinator

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 – September 13, 2018

Motion by Marianne Hawley, seconded by Emily Chandler that the minutes dated September 13, 2018 are adopted as printed. Carried.

4.0 UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

Waste & Water

Members who toured the Stratford Landfill found it very interesting and the staff was very informative. They were interested to learn that the compost is being purchased by a local farmer who tests and processes it with his own equipment on site.

*Craig Merkley now present (4:05 p.m.)

Emily Chandler noted that there is an upcoming public meeting regarding the landfill and inquired if members had any diversion items that could be considered in the future. Members suggested construction wood and cement.

Ecological

Craig Merkley reported that they have done an inventory of work that is required along the shores of the Avon River with Quin Malott. The next area they would like to work on is the North shore near James Street. There is approximately 60 ft. that requires work, with an estimated cost of \$37,000.00. UTRCA has already applied for some funding for this area. The South shore near Waterloo Street is another one of the sites suggested. It is a financial advantage for the city to work with UTRCA on these projects, as they provide the labour for the job. Mr. Merkley noted that crib walls work well with the water being higher. They will also be replanting some of the water plants.

*Angela Bossence, Audrey Bossence-Mosher, Shayne Douglas Ward and Julie Hastings now present (4:17 p.m.)

Councillor Henderson noted that the trees have been planted in Portia and Kemp Parks (seven native red maples and seven sugar maples). Community Services staff will be planting the trees.

Councillor McManus suggested that members begin thinking about a theme for the E&E display at the Garden Festival in February.

Councillor Henderson also noted that David Mayberry will be speaking the Municipal Liaison Day in November.

Ethan Elliott suggested that the E&E Committee raise the issue of single use plastic bags in the City of Stratford.

Energy

No new updates.

5.0 DELEGATE: Shayne Douglas Ward – Plastic Free Guelph

Shayne Douglas Ward, Executive Director of Plastic Free Guelph, recognized the City of Guelph, where their campaign takes place, is situated on indigenous lands and recognize the wide number of indigenous people who still call these territories home. Mr. Ward founded Plastic Free Guelph three years ago. Some of the previous project they have worked on are Earth Day clean-up, a plastic bag petition, issues surrounding single use plastic water bottles, plastic bag survey and “straws suck” campaign to eliminate plastic straws. The basis of their “bring your own bag” campaign was a goal that by Earth Day 2019 they wanted to phase out all single-use plastic bags from the City of Guelph. They

concluded that the City of Guelph does have the resources and the capability to eliminate single-use plastic bags. They asked the City of Guelph to recognize that they committed to being a Blue Dot community; they are obligated to provide citizens with a healthy environment, including clean air, drinking water, food and a stable climate. 1/10 of all plastic bags end up in the oceans. Plastic bags, bottles, straws and coffee cups are the most common litter. Communities spend a large amount of their waste management budget on diversion projects, such as plastics. He noted that Victoria, BC banned single-use plastic bags on July 1, 2018. Businesses can provide paper bags for a charge \$0.15/bag and re-usable bags for a minimum cost of \$1.00. They ran a 6-month outreach education plan prior to the by-law coming into effect, and now are allow a 6-month period for businesses to begin participating. If businesses are caught within the first year, they will visit the site and educate after the first offence. After that, they will face a fine.

Plastic Free Guelph conducted a survey and found that 78% of citizens were in favour of banning single-use plastic bags and had 2800 signatures on a petition to ban plastic bags. This began their push for banning plastic bags in Guelph. They have submitted a recommendation to the City of Guelph and staff will be reporting back to Council by June 2019. From there Council will make a decision on whether to move forward with the ban.

Councillor McManus suggested E&E members keep the possibility of a cart program on the radar.

Mr. Ward will provide committee members a copy of their report to Guelph City Council, including survey results and litter audits.

Motion by Dave Hanley, seconded by Emily Chandler that the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee requests City of Stratford staff review the recommendations from Plastic Free Guelph and report back to the committee with suggestions on how the City of Stratford can move forward with this initiative. Carried.

Motion by Ethan Elliott, seconded by Marianne Hawley that the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee requests City of Stratford staff research the feasibility of the City of Stratford banning single-use plastic bags and any suggestions the committee can address. Carried.

*Shayne Douglas Ward and Julie Hastings no longer present (5:10 p.m.)

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Priorities for 2018/Budget Update

Members discussed the last projects left to accomplish in 2018. Members suggested purchasing some additional materials for use in the shoreline

naturalization projects. Councillor McManus will inquire about the cost associated with the zero waste document.

Motion by Dave Hanley, seconded by Emily Chandler that the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee spend up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 for naturalization resources, such as plants/trees and materials in conjunction with the UTRCA shoreline work. Carried.

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

(c) Collection of Dog Waste – Anna Stratton
Anna Stratton will inquire about a possible presentation regarding dog waste collection for the January meeting.

7.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Stakeholder Meeting – Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review
Members are invited to attend the comprehensive zoning by-law review meeting being held on November 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Lorraine Kuepfer will be attending.

(b) Changing Zoning and Policies for Tiny Homes/Affordable Housing
Angela Bossence asked the committee to consider working towards changing zoning and policies associated with tiny homes in Stratford.

(c) Trashion Week / Heartburn Day Volunteers
Emily Chandler asked members to let her know if they are available to volunteer for either of these events.

9.0 SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES FOR MIKE BEITZ

Emily Chandler reported that Mike Beitz is doing a fantastic job posting items.

10.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – November 8, 2018 – 4 p.m.– Rotary Complex (Mansbridge Rm)

Councillor McManus thanked the members for all their hard work on the committee and she has enjoyed her time on the Energy & Environment Committee. Emily Chandler thanked Councillor McManus on behalf of the committee for her dedication and hard work and she will be greatly missed.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marianne Hawley, seconded by Emily Chandler that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Time: 5:20 p.m.