



**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: Emily Chandler – Vice-Chair Presiding, Councillor Bonnie Henderson, Dave Hanly, Marianne Hawley, Craig Merkley, Vanni Azzano, Dave Mabee

Staff Present: Kate Simpson – Waste Reduction Co-ordinator, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sammie Orr, Olivia Merkley

Absent: Taylor Crinklaw – Project Engineer, Anna Stratton, Angela Bossence, Ethan Elliott, Lorraine Kuepfer

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Emily Chandler called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES – November 8, 2018

Motion by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Dave Hanly that the minutes dated November 8, 2018 are adopted as printed. Carried.

4.0 UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

Waste & Water

Emily Chandler updated the committee that they are planning on holding a film screening during Earth Week. Anna Stratton is working with Trashion Week organizers on this event.

Heartburn Day organizers are looking for support to help organize volunteers for waste diversion (Feb. 2, 2019). Soup's On is also looking for a donation for attendees who bring their own spoon again this year. The committee will be purchasing items with their 2018

budget to give away at these types events. Ms. Chandler will make arrangement for an item to be donated.

The management report regarding the plastics free request for the City of Stratford will be going to the ITS Sub-committee in January for consideration.

The working group also discussed the 2004 Roundtable for the Environment document. It has not been updated since 2014. They would like to work towards updating this. Kate Simpson has already begun some updates and will work on this with the group.

Ecological

Councillor Henderson reported that she has met with St. James Anglican Church to discuss a joint event, such as a water forum. She has inquired with Maude Barlow to see if she might be available to speak on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 during Green Week. Members discussed being involved in both the Trashion Week event and this event and if they would consider just doing one during Earth Week. Further discussion at the January meeting.

Craig Merkley reported that UTRCA has applied for further funding for the North Shoreline work. The estimated budget for the next Northshore project is approximately \$37,000-\$40,000 to complete.

Energy

No new updates.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Priorities for 2018/Budget Update

Committee members discussed the remaining funds in their 2018 budget and the priority projects left for the year. Members agreed that having educational items available for upcoming events would be the highest priority.

Motion by Dave Mabee, seconded by Marianne Hawley that the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee spends up to a maximum of \$1,900.00 from their 2018 budget on educational giveaway items, such as LED light bulbs, washer balls and green cones that the committee can use to promote the environment at upcoming events. Carried.

- (b) **UTRCA Green Program Update (St. Aloysius) – Vanni Azzano**
Vanni Azzano updated the committee that the Grade 8's are continuing to work on their cones. The Grade 7's are working on their reports. During their clean up near the river the kids found a lot of litter such as bottles and shirts.

- (c) **Collection of Dog Waste – Anna Stratton**
Deferred to January meeting.

- (d) **Roundtable on the Environment Update – Kate Simpson**
Kate Simpson has been reviewing the report and making some notes. Many of the items are being addressed with the new quotation process for processing and curbside collection for organics. She does recommend a full review of the report. Looking ahead, digesters at a reduced rate could be added, a management report to Council regarding construction/demolition diversion, mattress recycling. Incorporating new and more recent initiatives such as textile diversion, cigarette recycling, single-use plastics, Blue Dot, etc. Emily Chandler suggested that once staff has completed the update, perhaps a public open house could be held to highlight the updates and receive feedback.

Motion by Dave Hanly, seconded by Marianne Hawley that the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee requests that Infrastructure & Development Services staff review and update the Roundtable on The Environment Report. Carried.

- (e) **Textile Recycling Program Update – Kate Simpson**
Kate Simpson explained that the two-week curbside collection of textiles has been eliminated, due to low numbers. As an alternative, the city is working with Diabetes Canada, instead of doing two full weeks; they will operate "on-demand". You can call or click and they will come and do a pick up at your house for you. All the information is provided in the new calendar and online. The city still tracks the tonnage of items collected.

Ms. Simpson noted that they will be going out to tender in January for the garbage, recycling and organics collection and processing.

- (f) **Reducing Waste at Events Document – Emily Chandler**
Emily Chandler updated the committee that the reducing waste at events document is now live. It is posted on the Canadian Federation of University Women website, the City of Stratford waste site. They are working on having parts of the document included in the City of Stratford events application. Ms. Chandler will draft the statement to be included on the application and circulate to members. People can be directed to the website for full details. Members requested staff invite the new Events Coordinator to the January meeting to discuss the application and how to green city events.

(g) Bike Valet Update – Dave Mabee

Dave Mabee updated the committee that the portable bike valet to use at events has been purchased. This could be added into the events document as well.

6.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

Soup's On (Saturday, January 12, 2019)

Heartburn Day (Saturday, February 2, 2019)

World Water Day (Friday, March 22, 2019)

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Alternate Time for E&E Meetings

The committee discussed changing the date of the monthly E&E meetings. Both Council representatives on the committee have a conflict with a Sub-committee meeting. Members agreed that the first Thursday of the month at the same time of 4:00 p.m. would work. Further discussion at the January meeting with new members to confirm. The January meeting will remain the 2nd Thursday, as the Councillors do not have a conflict in January.

8.0 SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES FOR MIKE BEITZ

No new updates.

9.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – January 10, 2019 – 4 p.m.– Rotary Complex (Mansbridge Rm)

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Vanni Azzano, seconded by Dave Mabee that the meeting adjourn.
Carried.**

Time: 5:25 p.m.