



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
January 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Angie Desmarais

Staff: Derek Hemauer
Janice Peyton

Public Members: George McKibbon
Beth Palma
Ryan Waines
Richard Lord
Paul Ruzycki

Regrets: Patti Stirling
Yvon Doucet
Tim Hoyle
Chris Lee
Barbara Butters

There was no quorum for this meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chair Beth Palma called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

N/A

3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

4. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Deferred to the next meeting.

5. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Recycle Bins - Chris

This item was deferred as Chris was not in attendance.

b) “No Littering” signs on trails

This item was deferred as Chris was not in attendance.

c) Better Organic Waste Participation

This item was deferred as Chris was not in attendance.

d) Rain Barrels - Chris

This item was deferred as Chris was not in attendance.

e) Boulevard Trees

George advised that he is going to assign some tasks and speak to Chris regarding the City tree policy. Richard has been researching the policies of other Municipalities. The downtown potted trees were briefly discussed; the pots are not working out well, Angie commented that there must be trees in the downtown area. George, Richard and Tim will continue working on this and will provide progress updates to the committee.

f) Community Shred-it Day/E Waste Day

Ryan will look into the possibility of JBL sponsoring this event. Derek suggested the PCOC for a location with a tour. Possibly early fall.

g) Wetland Protection and Biodiversity Offsetting Discussion Paper

This is on the Council agenda for January 23, 2017. George cannot attend and hopes that Beth and Jack will be in attendance. George has a motion and will give it to Angie so that she can read it at the meeting when the item is raised.

George asked about the request of the NPCA to present to the committee regarding Wetlands as questions that were sent to Peter Graham at the NPCA have never been answered. Kerry will follow up on this for the committee.

h) Air Quality

This item is pending. George has been in contact with Dan Dobrin, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change who advised that he is hopeful that monitoring of off-road emissions will happen when the Seaway opens for the season.

i) Rehabilitation of Port Colborne Quarries

Minutes of Special Council Meeting 32-16 was attached to the agenda package for information. George attended this Council meeting where Rehabilitation of Port Colborne Quarries was discussed and made a short presentation to Council on behalf of the EAC. George explained that there was a push to change the zoning first and perform the necessary studies afterwards which is not how George feels the process should proceed. Angie advised that within a week of the meeting each Councillor was contacted by Rankin's lawyer to see what it would take for approval. All were in agreement that Rankin needs to be specific as to what they want to do and that they must be transparent.

j) 2017 Budget

Beth asked everyone to think of environmental initiative budget requests for the next meeting.

6. New/Other Business

a) NPCA Correspondence regarding NPCA Committee Member

This item was deferred to the next meeting. Those in attendance all agreed they would like to have NPCA representation on the committee.

b) Request for EAC article for next City newsletter

Janice advised that the CAO's office has asked for an EAC article for the next City newsletter that will be published in early February. Beth will create an EAC article for the newsletter. Information regarding the pollinator signs was suggested.

c) Active Transportation Workshop November 30, 2016

Angie advised that she attended the first workshop for Active Transportation. The Active Transportation committee will be looking for membership in the future and are seeking all who are interested in active transportation. Angie advised they are looking for members within the EAC.

d) Works Yard at 11 King Street Lakefront Enhancement

Paul asked what will happen to the works yard once the new Operations Centre is in place as he feels it is important that the property be enhanced to be more pleasing and welcoming to the City. Staff advised that 11 King Street is leased by the City and owned by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation.

e) Pollinator Gardens and Community Gardens

Angie said that she would like to see more pollinator gardens in our public parks and suggested Lockview Park as a good location for a pollinator garden as there are already community gardens at this park. Water will be available at this location and Angie feels this is a great “people” area as there is nothing commercial at this location. Other suggestions for community gardens were David St, Steele Street apartments and the Seniors Centre on Fielden Ave. Kerry commented that public education is needed along with the pollinator gardens as they can sometimes tend to look untidy.

7. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be on March 08, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.