



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
May 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Yvon Doucet

Staff: Derek Hemauer
Janice Peyton
Chris Lee

Public Members: Paul Ruzycki
Beth Palma
Tim Hoyle
Patti Stirling
Richard Lord
Deanna Lindblad
Jack Hellinga

Regrets: Barb Butters
George McKibbon
Angie Desmarais
Ryan Waines

1. Call to Order

Chair Beth Palma called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Patty Sterling
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the minutes of February 17, 2015 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

3. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Delaying Rural Roadside Cutting on Municipal Roads

The modified roadside mowing program will continue as in 2015 for Weaver, Cedar Bay and Pinecrest Roads. There will be no second cut in the summer.

b) 2016 Budget Recycle Bins

Chris advised that the program to purchase recycle bins at a reduced cost through the Region is no longer available. Current costs for recycle bins would be doubled, at approximately \$3500 per piece plus collection fees. Members agreed to send a letter to the Region

asking for reinstatement of the reduced pricing of recycle bins. Yvon suggested that the letter be forwarded to Council for approval and support and then be sent to the Region.

c) Private Pollinator Garden Signs

Chris provided quotes for garden signs. The draft sign that was designed by Tim was discussed and a few revisions suggested. Tim will make the changes and email the revised sign to the committee for final review. It was a unanimous decision of the committee to give the signs away free of charge to homeowners that pledge to plant a pollinator garden. Suggestions were made to promote this initiative at the market and at the eco-booth during the Flavours event.

Moved by Patty Sterling
Seconded by Yvon Doucet

That 50 signs be purchased at the best price.
CARRIED.

d) 2016 Goals

1. Motion Regarding 2016 Traffic Operations Study – Copy of motion approved by Council attached.

A copy of the motion approved by Council regarding the 2016 Traffic Operations Study was provided for information. Council approved that the 2016 Traffic Operations Study include a detailed look at every light controlled T intersection, to assist in continuous traffic control.

2. Separate Organic Waste from Solid Waste

The committee discussed ways to encourage residents to put more effort into organic waste separation. Chris commented that the percentage of waste diversion was higher when the City was responsible for waste management compared to now that the Region operates waste management. Chris was asked to draft a history for review by the committee.

3. Ecological Footprint

Angie provided a link to the footprint network prior to the meeting for committee members to review and consider promoting, as a way to help residents discover their biggest areas of resource consumption and learn what they can do to tread more lightly on the earth.

Moved by: Yvon Doucet
Seconded by: Beth Palma

That the website link to information regarding Ecological Footprint be placed on the Environmental Advisory Committee section of the City website as soon as possible.
CARRIED.

e) Ontario Biodiversity/ NPCA Proposal for Biodiversity Offset Pilot Project

Note: Deanna Lindblad declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion of this item.

Jack provided background information on this item. Jack and George have prepared the first draft of the wetland protection and biodiversity offsetting discussion paper. Hard copies of the draft were distributed to committee members at the meeting for input. Beth asked that the statements within the documents be linked to the source. Any changes to the draft should be forwarded to Jack. Once complete this document will go before Council for approval and circulated to all Niagara lower tier Municipalities and the Regional Municipality of Niagara and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

4. New/Other Business

a) Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Information relating to the Mayor's Monarch Pledge was provided by the Mayor's office. After a brief discussion the committee agreed to receive the Mayor's Monarch pledge package for information, as there are already several initiatives in progress.

b) Trail clean-up Request

The request from Deputy Mayor Kenny for a clean-up along the trail was discussed. Some members feel that cleaning up a littered area only leaves a clean slate for additional dumping. Alternative suggestions were to have litter or recycle bins installed or "NO LITTERING" signs that specify the fine for littering. Also a hidden camera was suggested.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Patty Sterling

That \$4,000.00 of environmental initiative funds be allocated to the purchase and installation of "NO LITTERING" signs listing fines along the trail.
CARRIED.

c) New Member Request Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee

Deanna advised that the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Authority is looking for someone to represent the business and tourism sectors on the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee. The committee suggested Dave Elliott (BIA) or Gail Todd. Deanna will contact those suggested to advise them of the opening on the NPSP committee.

d) NPCA Peter Graham

Beth advised that Peter Graham, Director of Watershed Management, NPCA, expressed interest in attending an EAC meeting. Members were asked to send any questions they may have for the NPCA to Beth who will compile a list. Once the committee has finalized a list of questions Mr. Graham will be invited to attend a meeting.

5. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be on July 13 2016 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.