



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
March 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Yvon Doucet

Staff: Derek Hemauer
Janice Peyton

Public Members: George McKibbon
Beth Palma
Jack Hellinga
Paul Ruzycki
Kerry Royer
Ryan Waines

Guest: Patty Moss

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Paul Ruzycki
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the agenda dated March 21, 2018 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

4. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by George McKibbon
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the minutes of January 10, 2018 be accepted as amended.
CARRIED.

5. Patty Moss Roadside Mowing Delay Initiative

Patty Moss provided a presentation on the roadside mowing delay initiative. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Moved by George McKibbon
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That after receiving the presentation of Patty Moss regarding the roadside mowing delay initiative, that the Council of the City of Port Colborne be notified that the City of Port Colborne Environmental Advisory Committee is unanimously in support of Patty's request for the first mowing to be delayed to start on June 4th .

CARRIED.

Jack Hellinga agreed to be in attendance for Patty's presentation to Council to provide support with any drainage concerns that may be arise.

6. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Recycle Bins

Derek advised that the recycle bins are on track. Clarence and West Street bins will move forward. Bins for the Library are pending. Discussion took place regarding the location of the second bin and if the bin that has been budgeted for the Library should be placed at HH Knoll Park instead, given the fact that the Canal Days concerts will be held at HH Knoll Park.

Moved by George McKibbon
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That City staff will decide the location of the second recycling bin.
CARRIED.

Jack suggested the Eco-Defenders be requested again this year for Canal Days. Kerry will send information regarding the Eco-Defenders to Janice to be forwarded to the Canal Days Committee.

b) "No Littering" signs on trails

Derek advised that he is waiting to hear about other sign size options. Derek advised that he had not yet received an invitation to the Active Transportation Committee meetings. George will notify Derek of meetings in future, there is an open forum next Tuesday March 27th. Derek will attend.

c) Boulevard Trees

There was no new information reported from committee members on this item.

d) Community Shred-it Day/Earth Day

Patti was not in attendance. She indicated in an email that the shredding companies she had been in contact with were booked for Earth Day.

Earth Day at Evergreen was discussed. George will attend on behalf of Council and the Mayor and will say a few words. George will also have some air quality information available. Beth will also attend and will display Patty's photos and will have seed packets, pollinator signs and pledge forms and some general information regarding the EAC.

e) Air Quality

George and Jack now have the air quality devices and they gave a brief demonstration. George and Jack will conduct the air quality surveys and bring the results back to the committee.

George provided information on the Upwind Downwind conference that he attended. A copy is attached to the minutes. George referred to an Air Shed Management model and explained that we need to be concerned about tailpipe emissions and brakes and tires, as well as the emissions from industries.

George suggested the committee encourage the City to install charging stations for electric cars. Jack suggested an outlet at the Market Square. Derek will speak to the electrician to see what is required to install a charging station before moving further on this suggestion. Everyone in attendance agreed this is a good idea.

f) NPCA Questions

Beth has received a response from the NPCA regarding questions that were sent to Peter Graham in June of 2016. A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Yvon Doucet

That the letter from Michael Reles, Manager of Communications, NPCA be received for information purposes.
CARRIED.

g) Response from Planning Regarding the Wetland Protection and Biodiversity Offsetting Paper

Jack advised that Planning has submitted a response to the NPCA.

h) Drain Improvements

This item was deferred.

7. New/Other Business

a) NPCA Awards Dinner

Jack and Beth attended the NPCA Awards Dinner and said that the presentation was very good.

b) Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative Partner Support

Beth provided notes from the November 22, 2017 meeting. The notes are attached to the minutes. This is a new group regarding preservation of water and there is a large focus on ditching.

Beth advised that the group is seeking support. The committee agreed a letter stating that the EAC and City Council endorses what they are doing should go to Council and be forwarded to the NCCC from Council.

The next meeting is on April 3rd at 5:30 at the Crystal Ridge Public Library on Ridge Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

George questioned the relationship towards this effort and the agreement between Canada and United States. Beth will inquire.

c) 2018 Budget

Janice advised that once the 2018 budget is finalized the revisions to the toilet rebate program will be in effect. The dual flush toilet will be added to the eligibility as suggested by Chris Lee and agreed upon by everyone in attendance.

d) Source Protection Program in Niagara – Jayme Campbell May Presentation

All in attendance agreed to receive a presentation from Jayme Campbell, coordinator of the Source Protection Program in Niagara, at the next meeting (May 9).

8. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be on May 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.