



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
September 13, 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
Patti Stirling
Jack Hellinga

Regrets: Chris Lee
Barbara Butters
Yvon Doucet
Paul Ruzycki
Tim Hoyle
Kerry Royer

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Patti Stirling
Seconded by Angie Desmarais

That the agenda dated September 13, 2017 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

4. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Beth Palma
Seconded by Angie Desmarais

That the minutes of March 8, 2017 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

5. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Recycle Bins

Locations for additional recycling bins were discussed. Derek will work on two suggested locations; the corner of West Street and Charlotte Street (towards the South of this corner if necessary) and the Library/Museum block (staff will be consulted as to the best location on the block). Should the recycling bins prove to work well; the committee will ask that the City continue with this initiative by installing additional bins at locations throughout the City.

b) “No Littering” signs on trails

A sample of the Regional “Illegal Dumping” sign and the costs to purchase were provided. Committee members would like to see the amount of the fine stated on the sign. Derek explained that the signs must be posted on municipal property. The committee discussed suitable locations for the signs; the gates near the old Robin Hood and the Eastern end of the trail near Reuter Road were suggested. Derek will inquire about the installation costs (material & time) and about common dumping locations throughout the City. Patti raised the issue of the lighting at Weir Road where dumping occurs, Derek will check this location to be sure there is sufficient lighting.

c) Boulevard Trees

The committee feels that the next step in this process is to meet with staff. Derek will arrange for a technical meeting. Angie will speak to Planning regarding new development and the requirement to plant a specific number of trees.

d) Community Shred-it Day/E Waste Day

Patti has found two businesses that have expressed interest in working with the committee on a free shredding event in exchange for a food donation for a local charity. The committee agreed that both businesses could be given the opportunity to provide the shredding service, one at the PCOC open house (Derek will speak to the CAO for approval to coordinate with the open house), and one on the East side of the City in coordination with Earth Day events.

e) Air Quality

George advised that he has not had a chance to speak to Dan Dobrin regarding the letter of request for air quality monitoring that the EAC sent to the MOE. George has made contact with someone from Environment Hamilton, a company that has similar monitoring systems that the public can use for a reasonable cost, as Environment Hamilton is not for profit. George will inquire about obtaining a machine. Beth asked the process should a bad reading be taken. Angie advised that information regarding an unfavourable reading could be brought to the City to be compared to monitoring that was taken in 2000/2001. Suggested locations for monitoring were along West Street (because of ship exhaust) and North of the quarry on Second Concession (because of quarry dust).

f) 2017 Budget

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Patti Sterling

That \$4500.00 of 2017 environmental initiative funds be reserved for toilet rebates.

CARRIED.

At the next meeting, 2018 budget items will be discussed.

g) Seeds

The remaining seed packets will be kept for future use.

h) NPCA Questions

No comments received back from NPCA regarding original EAC questions posted in 2016 – Biodiversity Offsetting. Kerry is working on obtaining answers.

Jack commented on the City of Port Colborne Official Plan Amendment #4.

i) Canal Days Green Team Update

Angie advised that the Eco Defenders were not able to attend Canal Days this year because of lack of volunteers. Jack advised that the Eco Defenders were in attendance at Marshville and they did a great job of recycling. Plastic cutlery was an issue. Jack suggested notifying Canal Days food vendors that plastics are not allowed. Beth was concerned about discouraging potential vendors with higher costs. Possibly vendors could be given an incentive to go green and this could be kicked off next year with the 40th anniversary

of Canal Days. Angie suggested some EAC members come onto the Canal Days 40th Anniversary Committee as a green team. Patti will look into the difference in costs of plastics and the alternatives.

6. New/Other Business

a) Quorum for Meetings

Derek reminded members to send regrets in a timely manner so that we are sure to have quorum. Without quorum, the meeting will be cancelled.

7. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be on Nov 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

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