

## Municipality of Brockton Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Brockton Meeting Room - 100 Scott Street, Walkerton

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**Quorum:** 8 of 9 Members Present

### Committee Members

Councillor Steve Adams	Present
Alex Baran	Present
Racheal Bye	Present
Caroline Cressman	Present
Bruce Davidson	Present
Jenny Iserman	Absent
Councillor Chris Peabody	Present
Barry Randall	Present
Chelsey Reich	Present

### Staff

Barb Hauri-Nixon, Horticulturalist	Present
Brandy Patterson, Election and Project Assistant (Secretary)	Present

### 1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Bruce Davidson called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

### 2. Adopt Agenda

**Motion**      Moved by S. Adams      Seconded by C. Reich

That the agenda for the September 11, 2018 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried.

### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

B. Davidson declared Pecuniary Interest regarding item 7.4 Expanded Polystyrene Recycling Program.

### 4. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Motion**      Moved by A. Baran      Seconded R. Bye

That the minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

## **5. Business Arising – August 7, 2018 Minutes**

### **5.1 Review Action Items**

The Committee discussed upcoming events and related action items.

## **6. Financial Update**

### **6.1 2018 EAC Budget Tracking**

B. Patterson provided the Committee with an update of 2018 funds spent to date.

Motion:            Moved by: R. Bye                      Seconded: B. Randall

That the Environmental Advisory Committee approves reallocating the \$500 funded from the transfer from reserve for the Bee and Butterfly Gardens to the Community Garden to purchase topsoil.

Carried.

## **7. Project Updates**

### **7.1 Speaker Series**

#### **Organizing Zero Waste Community Events Workshop**

This event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Committee members will work to book Jubilee Hall and promote the event in partnership with the BIA. C. Riech will prepare a poster and handout for the event. B. Patterson will assist in promoting the vent online and via Municipality's social media accounts.

The programme, which will be solidified by the end of September, will include a presentation on the waste audit completed at the 2018 Summerfolk event, C. Reich will offer a presentation about the Committee's experience working with organizers to plan for zero waste, with goal to have a programme.

#### **Composting 101 Workshop**

This event is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the Fire Hall. B. Patterson and B. Hauri-Nixon will coordinate the program for the event, B. Davidson will coordinate the refreshments, and the draw for the green cone digester. The Committee discussed its desire to pay the presenters an honorarium which will be discussed with the CAO.

C. Cressman and Councillor C. Peabody entered the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

### **7.2 Accessible Community Garden Project and 2018 Upgrades**

B. Hauri-Nixon reported that an application has been submitted to Community Foundation Grey Bruce in partnership with the Walkerton Action Committee for a grant to make the Community Garden accessible.

B. Patterson advised the Committee that at their September 10, 2018 meeting Council approved applying for capital grant funds through Community Foundation Grey Bruce to make the entrance and a portion of the garden beds accessible in the Community Garden. Council further approved that the Community Garden would continue to operate at its site, and going forward the garden will be managed and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department in consultation with, and with continued and ongoing support from the gardeners and volunteers. Council then approved establishing a Community Garden budget line under Parks and Recreation to manage the funds and allow for annual maintenance of the Garden.

B. Davidson then reported that an installation workshop would be hosted to install garden improvements if the grant funds are received.

B. Hauri-Nixon reported that with the seasonal shift of her duties to Arena Attendant over the winter months, she will be unable to attend Committee meetings until April.

### **7.3 Zero Waste Community Event Kit**

C. Reich unveiled the final Brockton Zero Waste logo concept prepared by Make + Take Workshop. C. Reich reported that the logo concept aligns with the new municipal branding and has been approved by staff. The Committee was in favour of adopting this new logo and using it to brand various materials for the Zero Waste Event Kit, including aprons, stickers and magnets.

C. Reich reported that she has been in touch with the organizers of the Walkerton Hospital Foundation's Run 4 Health and will be setting up a Zero Waste Tent at the event on Sunday, September 23 and is looking for an additional volunteer.

### **7.4 Expanded Polystyrene Recycling Program**

B. Davidson informed the Committee that the Hanover-Walkerton Waste Management Committee awaits word on their funding application and provided the Committee with an overview of the expected project timelines. B. Davidson further reported that the Hanover-Walkerton Waste Management Committee intends to apply for a training grant with the Community Foundation Grey Bruce to train individuals to operate the densifier. The Committee expressed thanks to Bruce Davidson for his work to move this project forward.

### **7.5 Bee and Butterfly Pollinator Gardens**

B. Hauri-Nixon reported that the Community Foundation Grey Bruce Foundation visited the Bee and Butterfly Pollinator Garden sites with the Tween Camp in August, took photos and video with the youth and posted the details on Social Media. As part of the Tween Camp, youth built mason bee houses, some of which they took home to install in their own gardens and the others were placed in parks spaces throughout Walkerton. B. Hauri-Nixon reported that in partnership with Saugeen Conservation, over 150 trees and shrubs have been planted at the Bee and Butterfly Pollinator Garden sites to date. The Committee was reminded that the local TD Bank Branch is hosting a TD Tree Planting Day on Saturday, September 16 at Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park.

## **8. Information**

### **8.1 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Food Gathering - September 20, 2018**

B. Randall informed the Committee of this event which will be hosted in partnership with the Food Security Action Group and Canadian Mental Health Association.

### **8.2 Budget 2019**

B. Patterson informed the Committee that the 2019 Budget discussion will be on the October 2, 2018 Meeting Agenda.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 Committee Membership**

B. Randall informed the Committee he intends to submit his formal resignation. Staff will work with the Committee to advertise Committee vacancies.

## **10. Council Update**

None was provided during this meeting.

## **11. Adjournment**

Motion          Moved by B. Randall

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 4:54 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.