

Municipality of Brockton Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Brockton Meeting Room - 100 Scott Street, Walkerton

Quorum: 5 of 7 Members Present

Committee Members

Councillor Steve Adams-	Present
Alex Baran-	Absent
Racheal Bye-	Present
Caroline Cressman-	Present
Bruce Davidson-	Present
Chelsey Reich-	Present
Alishia Oberle-	Present

Staff

Barb Hauri-Nixon, Horticulturalist	Present
Taylor Grubb, Operations/ CAO Administrative Assistant	Present
Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations	Present

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Bruce Davidson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion Moved by C. Reich Seconded by A.Oberle

That the agenda for the September 10, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None at this time.

4. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion Moved by A.Oberle Seconded by R.Bye

That the notes from the June 6, 2019 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

5. Business Arising

- **Community Garden:**

6 beds have been built (originally only 3 were to be done), the table top green roof display, the eco rouser, The table top will be moved to the garden and completed with the remainder of the funds from the donations and grants. Hopefully in 2020 the waterline will be completed and the gazebo, bench etc can be completed.

- **Zero Waste:**

The tents have been completed, and supplies have been purchased to go with the tents. Stitching of just tents is \$150.00, there is an additional cost of fabric for bags. \$275.00 is the total cost. The tents will be completed for Run4Health at the end of September.

Chelsey went to Stratford to have these tents completed.

The entire tent with all supplies cost approximately \$700.00 per tent

Still need to purchase: 2 totes still

Motion: To spend money on the totes for the cost when the time arises

Moved by: S.Adams

Seconded by R.Bye

- **Workshops: Regional Meeting with Surrounding Municipalities**

many municipalities are developing EAC committees, Bruce would like to bring everyone together later in the evening (Tuesday October 22nd or November 1st) 6-8pm.

Topics of interest: Compost- someone from Southgate that Chelsey will contact to have them attend, Bail Wrap, Fisheries- best practices, etc.

Get an idea of what the priorities are in each municipality and how everyone can work together

- **Lobbies Park Update: Boat Dock**

\$1300.00 is in the EAC budget. At this time no solid plans have been made to go forward

- **Polystyrene Densifier:** Plastics Association is working on signage for the densifier, final part of grant money can't be received until the signage is completed.

Tipping fees are to be reviewed in the future. There is a conference call on September 20 to discuss possibilities of where this material can go. Over 5 tractor trailer loads have been densified (5000 pounds)

C. Reich exited the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

6. Financial Update- 2020 Budget Discussion

Director of Operations, Steve Adams, Bruce Davidson and Chelsey Reich met with Brockton CFO the previous week to discuss the budget of EAC. There is approximately \$2100.00 left in the 2019 budget.

The community garden received nearly \$10,000.00 in grants and donations with nearly \$3000.00 remaining for more work to be completed.

The 2020 municipal budget deliberations will be starting soon. The Director of Operations has asked for numbers soon to go along with projects and plans. Will be discussed at October 1 meeting.

2021 homecoming- we should take into consideration for budget for 2020/2021

Discussions regarding how much the committee should ask for in the 2020 budget. \$8000.00 is reasonable.

7. Information

7.1 Single Use Straws (Deferred from June meeting)

At the March 26, 2019 Council Meeting, Council directed EAC to provide thoughts, discussion and possibly a report regarding single use plastic straws after the City of Brantford passed a resolution (has been reviewed by the committee). Steve Adams will be looking into this project.

7.2 Request from West Grey for Elmwood Community Centre Zero Waste through Beth Hamilton. Bruce will be meeting with Beth in the near future

8. New Business

8.1 Truax Dam Update- The removal of the dam is wrapping up quickly, crews are working on the finishing touches and is expected to be completed close to the first week of October. No fish were harmed in the removal process and overall the removal went smoothly.

9. Council Update

Council tonight is in Elmwood, smoking on Hinks Street/Fischer Dairy Road: cigarette butts on the ground, and residents are becoming frustrated. This issue is related to the new smoking regulations on distance from school.(Minimum of 20 metres off school property.)

The Rural Roads Report is being presented to Council tonight.

10. Adjournment

Motion Moved by R.Bye

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 5:33 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.