

Municipality of Brockton Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 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-	Absent
Caroline Cressman-	Present
Bruce Davidson-	Present
Chelsey Reich-	Present
Alishia Oberle-	Present

Staff

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

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Bruce Davidson called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion Moved by S. Adams Seconded by C. Reich

That the agenda for the November 7, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adopted with the following added.

Add 6.5 Zero Waste and Zero Waste Elmwood

6.6 Compost Pilot Project

6.7 Green Purchases Incentive

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None at this time.

4. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion Moved by C. Reich Seconded by S. Adams

That the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

5. Business Arising

- **Financial Update:**

Chelsey:

Zero Waste expenses were	\$544.82
Expenses for the Reg Meeting were	\$344.07
TOTAL	\$888.89

Bruce also submitted expenses:

To purchase a heatgun and expenses from the Reg Meeting approx \$1000

We will need to check with Gregg to see if we can roll money over to next year in the budget.

- **Community Garden:**

Everything went well this year. An email was sent to those who wish to renew a bed for next year. We also have a waiting list so would like to extend the 3rd row. So far based on feedback everyone has loved the raised beds.

Caroline Cressman arrived at 4:52pm

We would also like a shade structure built as a place to sit and socialize.

Would like to build a 7th raised garden bed that is slightly lower for wheelchairs.

Would also like a water line added and a green roof table top demonstration piece.

On December 5th the group is working with Community Living and fundraising for a shade structure with a partial green roof.

- **Workshops: Green Roof and Regional Meeting with Surrounding Municipalities**

The Green Roof workshop was very successful. Still need to talk to the roofing company about getting signage or money back.

The Regional Meeting was also very successful. Brought together NGOs and there were 35 groups present. Each group had 5 minutes to present. Environmental successes and potential partnerships were discussed. There is the possibility of a compost partnership with Southgate. Chelsey suggested also looking at City of Kitchener and Waterloo partnership to investigate their compost pilot project and partnership. Here they provide bins to businesses and provide pick up of compost materials 3 times a week. The challenge with compost projects are accepting things that cannot be processed (ie. diapers, cat litter). But this will eventually be mandated so we should still prepare.

- **Polystyrene Densifier:**

We are getting many meat trays now. We accept coloured styrofoam but not densifying it yet (ie. black, yellow, green, fuschia). All materials must be cleaned and dry. Signage has been ordered from Cox Signs for the trailer to drop it off at. 3 metric tons are now ready to ship to Niagara Recycling (equals 8 tractor trailer loads diverted from the landfill). Works out to about \$325/metric ton (1/4 tractor trailer load). We are still working on staffing. Currently Jim Shields is here but he has other commitments. We estimate that we will go through about 30lbs/hour and will need someone for about 15 hours/week.

- **Lobbies Park Update: Boat Dock**

Not happy with the size of the stones at the boat launch. Washout could also be a problem. 14ft of stone blocks are missing but Eric will look at adding to the Parks and Rec budget for 2020.

- **Fish Tank at Walkerton BIA Office**

The Brown Trout that were in the tank have been released. Some grew to about 6" in length. Next we are getting Chinook Salmon eggs to hatch.

6. Financial Update- 2020 Budget Discussion

Gregg is concerned with capital vs. current projects. Parks and Recreation will be covering the Community Garden. We want to still push for other projects. We could fundraise or ask service clubs to help pay for things like the watering bike.

Budget 2020

Zero Waste (more units, 2 full kits @ approx. \$1000 per kit)	\$2400.00
Zero Waste Elmwood (with West Grey)	\$300.00
River Clean-Up	\$300.00
Workshops	\$1500.00
Compost Program (Planning/Research)	\$1500.00
Incentive for green practices (ie. low flow toilets, trees)	\$2000.00

TOTAL: \$8000.00

Motion to approve the proposed 2020 EAC Budget

Moved by C. Cressman Seconded by A. Oberle
Carried.

7. Information

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Council Update

Council is dealing with challenges with legislation of cannabis and vaping and smoking on resident properties, particularly by the Walkerton District Community School. Looking at legal recourse. The Mayor will be going to Bruce County and the Health Board to find a solution.

Plastic bottles are going into recycling but ending up in the landfill. Need to find out why. Will ask at BASRA. A great workshop idea would be about recycling.

10. Adjournment

Motion B. Davidson

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 5:33 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, December 2, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Carried.