

Municipality of Brockton Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 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
Racheal Bye-	Present
Caroline Cressman-	Absent
Bruce Davidson-	Present
Chelsey Reich-	Present
Alishia Oberle-	Present

Staff

Barb Hauri-Nixon, Horticulturalist	Absent
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 R.Bye Seconded by C. Reich

That the agenda for the December 3, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adopted.

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 A. Oberle

That the minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

5. Business Arising

5.1 Confirmation of Committee Membership 2020

Alex Baran has resigned from the committee effective November 1st and Alishia Oberle will be on maternity leave commencing May 2020- Alishia is going to discuss her membership with the municipal clerk

Rachel Bye, Chelsey Reich and Bruce Davidson will remain on the committee. Bruce will check with Caroline Cressman to inquire what her intentions are.

5.2 Updates

- **Community Garden**

The Community Garden will be going to Parks and Recreation Department in 2020.

Motion:

EAC is interested in completing the Community Garden with Shade Structure Green Roof, that project and assets would become Parks and Recreation Department will complete the community garden.

Gregg and Tayler work on verbage for motion and then forward to committee
EAC to be involved for educational purposes, and community engagement

A "Thank You" letter to John Lieber needs to be sent on behalf of EAC for his work on the green roof.

- **EPS Recycling**

The municipality has sent the first skids. 6000-7000 pounds, and about 8 tractor trailer loads. The new signage is up at the MTO building.

Come the New Year, it would be beneficial to go to local retailers for support, stewardship possibility.

Jim Shields and Peter Agrobar run the densifier. Councillor Adams mentioned looking into Community Living running the machine.

- **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 Township that should be explored. Chelsey Reich made a great suggestion to look into the City of Kitchener and Region of Waterloo to investigate their compost pilot project and partnership. They currently 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 (i.e. diapers, cat litter).

- **Lobies Park Update: Boat Dock**

Project has been completed to date, many people have been seen utilizing it already.

The size of the stones at the boat launch are smaller than expected. Washout could potentially be a problem. 14 feet of stone blocks are missing but Eric McDougall is to be looking at including it in the Parks and Recreation budget for 2020. – Follow up with Eric? Gregg to touch base with SVCA.

- **Zero Waste**

All purchases have been made for 2019. Two full kits have been completed. Chelsey Reich thinks the committee will require two additional zero waste kits for Homecoming.

Councillor Steve Adams would like to look into the Bruce Power Block Party and Walkerton 2020 for opportunity for zero waste events- Committee should contact and see how many tents might be required if so.

6. Financial Update- 2020 Budget Discussion

Director of Operations, Gregg Furtney, presented an updated budget to the committee for review: the budgeted expense for the waterline project will be carried over to 2020.

\$3000.00 for the community garden waterline project is remaining.

Secretary Tayler Grubb is going to contact Ontario One Call for locates status of the waterline, they have been submitted but need to be followed up on as the municipality has not received the approvals yet.

Gregg Furtney verified that the Community Garden project will be moved to the Parks and Recreation Department in 2020. EAC would like to complete the Community Garden Shade Structure/ Green Roof and then the assets be moved to the Parks and Recreation Department. EAC would like to use the Community Garden for educational workshops and community engagement.

Gregg Furtney and Tayler Grubb are going to work on completing verbiage for a motion to reiterate that the EAC is interested in completing the Community Garden Green Roof and once completed then the garden would become an asset of Parks and Recreation, however EAC would still like to utilize the community garden for education and community engagement.

There is currently \$550.27 remaining in the 2019 EAC budget.

Gregg Furtney is going to discuss with CFO, Trish Serratore about the remaining funds, will it go to a reserve? And can it be used in the future? Gregg to email the committee once the questions answered.

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

7. Information

None.

8. New Business

- **Green Cone Bulk Purchase**

Bruce County was looking into bulk purchase, Gregg to put into Operations budget along with rain barrels and be in contact with The County of Bruce for bulk purchase.

- **Potential Green Grant Opportunities**

Are there any available? Several have come out already, have to be shovel ready projects. Many of the grants are for a wider branch of projects. Brainstorm a larger project, to be easily implemented. 2020 initiative. EAC is going to look into project ideas for the coming year(s).

- **Regional Compost Research**

There has been major interest from West Grey and Hanover, 25 presentations at the first regional meeting. There is interest from Southgate to take compost tomorrow, however there are financial implications. The committee is going to put together a proposal for council.

The committee should have informal discussions with locals and explore current compost ideas and problems/solutions.

- **River Clean Up- Mothers Day Weekend: May 9th, 2020**

9. Council Update

Council Vacancy: Interviews will be held after applications have been received in January 2020.

10. Adjournment

Motion B. Davidson

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 5:38 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, December 2, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.