



Municipality of Brockton Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Brockton Meeting Room - 100 Scott Street, Walkerton

Quorum: 6 of 7 Members Present

Committee Members

Councillor Steve Adams-	Present
Racheal Bye-	Present
Caroline Cressman-	Present
Bruce Davidson- Chair	Present
Chelsey Reich-	Present
Alishia Oberle-	Present
Member Opening	N/A

Staff

Barb Hauri-Nixon, Horticulturalist	Present
Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations	Present

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Bruce Davidson called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion Moved by C. Reich Seconded by A. Oberle

That the agenda for the February 4, 2020 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None at this time.

4. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion Moved by R. Bye Seconded by A. Oberle

That the minutes from the December 3rd, 2019 meeting be adopted.

Carried.

5. Business Arising

5.2 Updates

- **Community Garden – Barb Nixon**

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

Barb gave an update to the Committee. She has spoken with the new Director of Community Services, Mark Coleman, about the project.

Gregg confirmed that the waterline project is a carry-over project from 2019 and that the locates have been completed. The work is yet to be scheduled however staff hope to have the work completed this spring.

The committee wishes to continue with additional Ecoraster, to design and build a “Shade” Structure with a green roof, and to remove 2 ground beds and replace them with more accessible beds.

There is a waiting list for the ground garden beds.

A “Thank You” letter to John Finlayson has not yet been sent but Bruce Davidson and Councillor Steve Adams are to discuss this further.

- **BIA Fish Tank – Alishia Oberle**

In collaboration from the Lake Huron Fishing Club, the BIA Manager, Alishia Oberle, has been raising 75 Chinook Salmon in an aquarium in the BIA Office. The eggs hatched just after Christmas. The release of the Salmon will be coordinated with the Lake Huron Fishing Club in the Spring.

At the next collaboration, the hope is that the focus will be on a fish species that can be released locally into the Saugeen River.

- **EPS Recycling – Bruce Davidson**

The Densifier Operation has densified over 10,000 lbs of material. There is some concern what the future of all Recycling Programs will be given that the Province is looking at “Full Producer Responsibility”. The Densification program is not “perfect” and has some operational efficiencies to still work out. The Hanover/ Walkerton Landfill Committee will be discussing a “Voluntary Retailer Agreement” that may help

with some of the operational costs in the future, like a tipping fee. The Hanover/Walkerton Landfill Committee will also be looking to purchase a trailer, of some description, to house and hold the final densified product so that a full load can go out to the “next” user.

- **Binder Deconstruction Program – Bruce Davidson**

2,721 binders from Bruce Power have been successfully deconstructed and 441 of good binders were donated from the last load. 60 cases of cardboard were donated. The Municipality will receive \$136 from the Grey Bruce Sustainability Network under the current arrangement.

- **Lobies Park - Gregg Furtney**

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

Widening of the new launch may be a future project. Gregg noted that the project was not identified in the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Bruce Davidson to follow up with Jo-Anne at the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

- **Truax Dam – Gregg Furtney**

Project is complete except for laying some additional grass seed this spring. There has been some talk with the Parks and Recreation Department about placing benches and a garbage can at the site, west access. That is a bigger discussion with the new Director of Community Services, Mark Coleman.

- **Bale Wrap – Bruce Davidson**

Bruce Davidson will be working with a new “Working Group – Clean Farms” to discuss this topic. There is currently no market for the product. The one company that does collect it locally, isn’t recycling it. They are just stock piling it. Recycling it back into the same product is an option. Reducing the used bale wrap down into its original petrochemical composition for use as another product is another option. Bruce will update the group after his working group has met.

6. Financial Update- Councillor Adams and Gregg Furtney

The Committee has asked for a budget of \$8,000 for 2020 projects. Budget talks are ongoing. There is no update. The new Director of Community Services has been asked to identify any carry over funds from 2019 related to the Community Garden.

7. Information Items

None.

8. New Business

8.1 Bruce Power Block Party – Gregg Furtney

Gregg updated the group by saying that the Bruce Power Block Party will be on Saturday July 18, 2020 at the Community Center. It is a free, kid centered event. There will be two “Quench Buggies” onsite. That has been vetted through the Municipal Operations/ Utilities Department. Gregg has confirmed that water will be coming from a municipal tap and be put through a filter and UV system before being dispensed. Each unit will have a ‘chiller’ to keep the water cold. Apparently this was an issue at past events when the feed line to the Quench Buggy was left exposed to the heat and sun and the water got warm.

Bruce Davidson will reach out, on behalf of the Committee, to discuss the “Zero Waste” initiative. The committee will be seeking volunteers to help operate the zero waste tents for this event.

8.2 Elmwood Community Center Zero Waste Initiative – Bruce Davidson

This item is budget related – To Be Determined

8.3 Compost Research and Pilot Project

This item is budget related – To Be Determined

Chelsey commented that she understood that Wellington County will be giving out Green Bins to residents this year and will be starting to collect organic material at the curb.

Bruce Davidson commented that regionally, many Bruce and Grey County Municipalities are also interested in looking at Organic Collection and Composting, including Kincardine, West Grey, and Owen Sound.

8.4 Spring Workshop/ Regional Meeting – Bruce Davidson

Bruce Davidson will speak with Beth at West Grey to assess future topics and meeting dates. This is a budget related item, to be determined.

8.5 New Member Recruitment – Gregg Furtney

The posting for a new member for the EAC was put up on the Municipal Website, Brockton Buzz, in the Hanover Post, and on Social Media platforms. The closing date was January 30th. There was one applicant, Ms. Jan Briggs-McGowan. This opening was the result of Mr. Alex Baran resigning

Motion by D. Davidson:

“That the Environmental Advisory Committee accept Ms. Briggs-McGowen’s application for information and further recommends to Brockton Municipal Council to accept Ms. Briggs-McGowen to become an active member of the Brockton Environmental Advisory Committee.”

Moved by: R. Bye

Seconded by: C. Cressman

Gregg will review and forward the EAC Terms of Reference. Members are to have comments/ feedback back to Gregg by the March 3rd meeting.

8.6 Green Purchase Incentive Program – Bruce Davidson

This item is budget related – To Be Determined.

Green Cones have been ordered (12) through Bruce County’s bulk purchasing initiative with lower tier Bruce County Municipalities.

Gregg noted that incentive programs can include subsidies for trees and low flow toilets, on a first come, first serve basis.

8.7 2020 Committee Meeting Dates – Bruce Davidson

The EAC has committed to the First Tuesday of Every Month, starting at 4:30pm to 6pm, at the Brockton Municipal Office, except for July or August (at the will of the Committee) and no meeting during the Municipal Budget Discussions

8.8 Future Agenda items – Bruce Davidson/ Gregg Furtney

- A.) Budget and Implications
- B.) Committee Terms of Reference
- C.) Donation Policy
- D.) 2020 Work Plan/ Strategic Plan – future working sessions instead of business meeting
- E.) Memorial or Legacy Tree/ Bench Program
- F.) Tree Canopy/ Replacement Policy/ Program
- G.) Program participation/ applications to the Grey Bruce Community Foundation

9. Council Update – Councillor Adams

Budget Discussions are ongoing with the hope of being finalized by the end of February.

Recycling – Commodity Values are going down and therefore local revenue has significantly decreased. Municipal Programs across Ontario are uncertain. This will have some sort of impact on BASWRA and its future.

The Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) program will be terminated as of December 31, 2020. Staff are not sure what impact this will have on our Waste Management System.

10. Adjournment

Motion B. Davidson

Moved by: C. Reich Seconded by: C. Cressman

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 6:12 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.