



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ESAC)

Minutes of the April 3rd, 2023 Meeting
6:30PM

Erin Town hall, lower level meeting room / Zoom

Present: John Brennon, Abel Page, Chris Tynan, Jen Edwards, Martin Rudd, Christina Green and Gavin Dandy and Julie Rene De Cotret

Absent: Matthew Cameron and Sarbpreet Bopairai

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved By Martin Rudd

Seconded By Chris Tynan

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes of March 13th

Moved By Chris Tynan

Seconded By Martin Rudd

Edit to previous minutes: Jen received 10\$ to cover the cost of a table from Seedy Saturday

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended

Moved By Chris Tynan

Seconded By Jen Edwards

Carried

5. Business Items

5.1 Environment Grant update

- Still requiring grant template and minor edits from Matthew (due April 5th)
- Matthew should consult the United Nations Environment Program for grant examples (include link)
- Jen will release the application to all schools in Erin (April 11th)
- Deadline for grant application will be April 28th
- Decision will be made during May ESAC meeting
- The next intake will be in November

5.2 Earth day update – Abel

- Volunteer sign-up has been shared with all ESAC members
- Neighbouring high school is coordinating a paper shredding event
- Approximately 20 vendors attending
- Must touch base with the legion about advertising the upcoming Earth Day Event on their front sign
- Event has been shared on the Town of Erin, Community Calendar
- Julie will share Art Installation at the Legion, focusing on species at risk in the Credit River (approximately 14 feet)

5.3 Rain barrels update – Martin / Abel

- Martin inquired on the distribution process of rain barrels in neighbouring cities
- Many larger cities have a designated staff member to deliver rain barrels, which would not be practical in the town of Erin
- ESAC is currently required to meet with buyer at the Town and deal with the funds ourselves
- Town confirmed they do not have space for storage and that staff would not be able to assist with any tasks related to the sale of rainbarrels (beyond ordering)
- Some disappointment expressed towards the Town's effort after they showed so much interest last year
- Potential in contacting Wellington county to support the sale of rain barrels or other organizations such as Rotary Club (did it in the past) or others
- The rain barrel program received praise from members, however the current

system makes sales difficult.

- Committee voted in majority that the rain barrel program will be discontinued and revisited in the future eventually, to focus on other topics that the town is more enthusiast about.

5.4 Shamrock Award Decision

- All members were in agreement of the winner

5.5 Turtle signs

- Committee will sell the remaining stock of turtle signs at 10\$ each during our Earth Day Event to gauge price efficiency.

5.6 Social media update

- Will require more posts for upcoming Earth Day Event
- Requiring a member to continue with Facebook
- Will share information with local newspaper and radio

5.7 Environment Day Organisation

- Event on Saturday June 3rd
- Potentially hosted on Everdale Farms with family oriented activities (ie. wood fire oven, alternative methods of transportation [proximity to trails], film screen, guest speaker)
- No vendors
- Abel to contact county for alternative Plug'n Drive arrangements
- Martin will lead the event, with Gavin & Julie

6. Other Business

- Members reviewed mandate
- Members should bring ideas that change policy and advise the Town of environmental issues
- Members can research environmental policies and mandates in similar towns
- Identify species and climate change goals tangibly to specific locations within the town
- ESAC should invite Town staff (ie. Jack Krubnik) to discuss ideas, proposals and areas in need

- Tree cleanup is occurring throughout the community

7. Date of Next Meeting

Monday, May 8th 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

8. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at the hour of 8:31 PM.

Moved By Chris Tynan

Seconded By Jen Edwards

Carried