



Environment & Sustainability Advisory Committee
Minutes
December 11th, 2023
6:30 PM
Erin Town Hall, lower-level meeting room / Zoom

Present: John Brennan, Abel Page, Martin Rudd, Christina Green, Jen Edwards and Gavin Dandy

Absent: Matthew Cameron, Chris Tynan, Sarbpreet Bopairai and Julie René de Cotret

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:42PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Christina Green
Seconded by Martin Rudd

Carried

3. Declaration Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes of October 2nd, 2023

Moved by John Brennan
Seconded by Martin Rudd

Carried

5. Business Items

5.1 Guest Speaker: Erin Citizen Climate Lobby – Proposal following Green development standards community consultation: heat pumps

ESAC endorses the submission to the Green standards from the Erin Citizen Climate Lobby to add to the Green development standards recommendation for heat pumps (which also serve as air conditioners) in all new Town of Erin homes to preclude the need for natural gas in new developments.

Moved by Abel Page

Seconded by John Brennan

All in favor

Carried

5.2 Climate change Policy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory

- New staff took over Lavina's position
- Enbridge and HydroOne inquired on postal codes, many of which were partial
- Two postal codes representing the villages will likely be used

5.3 Potential grants writing and application

No update

Julie has been following up with Jack regarding different grants using municipal funds and potential eligibility

5.4 Clean up kit project

No update, motion will be shared next meeting

5.5 Earth Day 2024

Date: Saturday April 27th

Will inquire on the price for arena rental at the Center 2000 and the dome rental at the Erin Agricultural Society

Vendors will be contacted

More details to come

5.6 ESAC Grant 2024

Matthew will reshare last year's application

Applications will be shared with all Erin schools in January

Deadline will be March 8th

Voting will occur on March 11th

6. Other Business

6.1 Budget

Budget was shared with the committee

\$500 from turtle sign sales

\$200 in consumables

\$450 for next year's turtle sign

\$1500 for Earth Day and Grant

Total \$2450

6.2 Turtle Signs

Better pricing was acquired on Turtle Signs, they are currently in storage

Martin was reimbursed \$452 for the purchase of the signs

There are a number of turtle nests located beside the fire hall, there were concerns regarding their wellness. Concerns have been shared with the Erin Fire Department.

6.3 Regional concerns

Many environmental concerns are both regional and municipal responsibility. ESAC will brainstorm and compile a list of regional concerns during our next meeting. The list will be shared with Jeff Duncan, who will be invited to the February meeting.

6.4 Seedy Saturday

Occurring March 9th

The committee will support the cost of a table as well as representation from ESAC

6.4 Council presentation

A presentation will be made to share with council in early 2024
ESAC will update last year's powerpoint with more details to reflect current goals

7. Date of Next Meeting (January 8th, 2023)

8. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at the hour of 7:38 PM.

Moved by Abel Page

Seconded By Christina Green

Carried