



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ESAC)

Minutes of the May 8th, 2023 Meeting
6:30PM

Erin Town hall, lower level meeting room / Zoom

Present: John Brennan, Abel Page, Chris Tynan, Jen Edwards, Martin Rudd, Christina Green (late), and Julie René de Cotret, and Matthew Cameron.

Absent: Sarbpreet Bopairai and Gavin Dandy

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved Chris Tynan

Seconded By John Brennon

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes of April 3rd

Moved By Julie René de Cotret

Seconded By Martin Rudd

Carried

5. Guest speaker - Lavina Dixit, Senior Communication Officer, Town of Erin

Corporate emissions tool

Criteria to obtain data is to have a sum or baseline on two categories:

Corporate (town only) emission milestone -

Community emission milestone

Transportation and agriculture are the two major factors for Erin

Baseline is important and community emission data is inexistent.

6. Business Items

6.1 Environment Grant Decision

Thank you Matt and Jen for all your support.

We received 1 application

*Suggestion for future calls for application an itemized budget and a final report w image.

Motion to allocate the grant of \$500 to Brisbane Public School and request a final report

Moved by Abel

Seconded by Matt

Carried

6.2 Earth day update – Abel Page

Awesome time!

Lots of garbage collected.

People happy

Lot of competition with several events on that day. Hard to get vendors coming and choosing us but they are happy to come back next year.

Expenses

-Katherine 286\$ on food

-Abel \$180.80 +\$38+ 218.80

-Jen 33.90

538.70

Revenue

30\$ donation

2 turtle signs \$20

\$100 donation by sponsor - To be paid still

\$150

Motion to have the expenses incurred on Earth Day refunded by the township

Moved by Martin Rudd

Seconded by Chris Tynan

Carried

6.3 Existing ESAC initiatives

Sold two turtle signs.

Rain barrels are an important initiative that the Town shouldn't give up on. Following last meeting, other organizations were contacted to gauge interest to take over but it is difficult. John to follow up with Nick Colucci for the storage need

World Environmental Day June 3rd, 2023 - Not enough time to organize something with limited resources.

*Film screening potentially for another date

6.4 Future of ESAC (pursued from last meeting)

Ministry Grant and other potential funding sources: -Action Julie will get more information on these grants

During past meeting there were discussions about Town property and assets and seeing what is happening with them. Director of projects could be invited to discuss opportunities.

EcoCaledon is invited to do a presentation at our next meeting. Small committee like ESAC that expanded in time. Could be very helpful to share their insights and learn from them

Do more outreach and communication, hosting booths or giving pamphlets at events such as Everdale seedling sale or the composting workshop the library is organizing. Also approach the radio for some programs

ESAC should invite Town staff (ie. Jack Krubnik) to discuss ideas, proposals and areas in need

7. Other Business

Question from Julie Inquiring on the decision to remove the beaver dam

There was a commission to trap the beavers
No permission to destroy the dam
Crown property and you go through MNR -MNR approved

Question from Jen 85% off the heritage list will be cancelled for the legislation re greenbelt highway bill. If the house isn't designated in the next two years you have to wait another 5 years to nominate again.

Chris - the Heritage Committee had to cut down heritage houses list by half.

8. Date of Next Meeting (June 12th 2023)

9. Adjournment

Moved By Abel Page

Seconded By Jen Edwards

Carried