



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
March 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Staff: Darlene Suddard
Janice Peyton

Council: Councillor Mark Bagu

NPCA: Kerry Royer

Public
Members: Beth Palma
Jack Hellinga
Paul Ruzycki
Clayton Nadeau
Tim Hoyle

1. Call to Order

Chair Beth Palma called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Paul Ruzycki
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the agenda dated March 13, 2019 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED.

3. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That Beth Palma be appointed Chair of the Environmental Advisory
Committee.
CARRIED.

Beth accepted the nomination.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That George McKibbon be appointed Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee.
CARRIED.

George has accepted the nomination of Vice Chair (by email).

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

5. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Paul Ruzycki
Seconded by Clayton Nadeau

That the minutes of September 19, 2018 be accepted as written.
CARRIED.

6. Presentation – Patty Moss – Roadside Mowing Initiative

The committee received a presentation by Patty Moss regarding the roadside mowing initiative. Patty responded to comments and questions of committee members. A summary of Patty's presentation is attached to the minutes.

Darlene will see if the City can fine for spraying round-up on City property, because Patty has noticed that certain residents and farmers have applied herbicide to the ditches. Darlene commented that Lisa at the MOE is very receptive to phone calls and that Patty should call if she notices any spraying in the ditches.

Jack reminded that the mandate of the committee is to suggest to Council. He recommended that we suggest Council come up with a by-law against spraying round-up.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Beth Palma

That after receiving the presentation of Patty Moss regarding the roadside mowing initiative, the Council of the City of Port Colborne be advised that the City of Port Colborne Environmental Advisory Committee is unanimously in support of Patty's presentation and endorsement request as presented. The Environmental Advisory Committee requests that Council give consideration in endorsing Patty Moss' request.
CARRIED.

Committee members were encouraged to attend the Council meeting with Patty to show support.

7. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Recycle Bins

Darlene advised that City staff will pour the concrete pads for the recycling bins.

b) Sharps Containers

Darlene advised she is responsible for the City of Port Colborne's hazardous waste disposal. Darlene advised that there are sharps containers at City Hall available to all during City Hall hours and at H.H. Knoll Park.

c) Boulevard Trees

Kerry commented that she could not find any other Municipality with a similar tree by-law to Port Colborne. Jack advised that Oakville has a good policy for tree replacement. Kerry suggested including information regarding treeOcode Niagara with the tree rebate application forms. Kerry will send information to Janice.

d) Air Quality

This item was deferred to the next meeting. George will speak to this.

e) Thundering Waters

Jack advised that Angie was going to provide the latest approval status on the development related to the position paper on wetland protection. This paper was passed and was to be distributed to other municipalities for support. Jack will provide an update at the next meeting.

f) Drainage Superintendent Attendance at a Future Meeting

The Drainage Superintendent will be invited to the next meeting. Patty Moss will be advised, should she wish to attend.

g) Hazardous Waste – Smoke Detectors - Jack

Ryan provided information by email that he had reached out to Raw Material Corp regarding disposal of expired smoke and CO detectors and that there was no definitive answer for proper disposal of these items. Ryan advised that there is a company that RMC could use to handle these items at a cost of \$15/unit if they contain

the radioactive isotope and if they do not, RMC would handle these in regular electronic e-waste.

Jack commented that if the Region had a collection area for smoke detectors they could likely fill a transport truck every year. Jack is going to send a letter to the Province to request consideration of recycling of smoke detectors through the Climate Change Action Plan. Jack hopes that if the Province is involved, they may make the manufacturer responsible for taking back used smoke alarms.

h) EAC Rebate Programs

Derek was to speak to the CBO regarding tree rebate information being promoted through the Planning/Building Department. Jack commented that the toilet rebates are not meant for new home builds, rather for replacement of old toilets that do not conserve water. Tree rebates would be applicable to new homeowners. Information on the rebates will be published in the next City newsletter.

8. New/Other Business

a) 2019 Budget

Moved by Tim Hoyle
Seconded by Beth Palma

That \$5000. of the 2019 Environmental Initiatives funds be applied to the tree and toilet rebate programs.
CARRIED.

Kerry advised that the Scouts Group in Port Colborne are interested in planting trees (each Scout to plant one tree for each year that they have been in Scouting) and that there are dead trees at the Scouts Hall property at Pinecrest and Vimy Road that should be removed.

Moved by Paul Ruzycki
Seconded by Clayton Nadeau

To support the Boy Scouts from the 2019 Environmental Initiatives fund for up to a maximum of \$1000.
CARRIED.

It was suggested that Natural Havens would be a good place to purchase trees at a reasonable price and that also Vale Inco may provide trees.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That \$5000. of the 2019 Environmental Initiatives funds be allocated to the cost of purchasing and maintaining recycle bins, location of new bins are to be determined.

CARRIED.

Suggested locations for the recycle bins are as follows: Centennial Park Cedar Bay and the intersection of the Friendship Trail and roadways. Community Services staff will be involved in the decision of location of the bins.

b) Potential Changes to the Endangered Species Act

Notice regarding changes to the Endangered Species Act was forwarded to the committee by Jack. Jack advised that he has submitted suggestions through Nature Ontario, to treat this issue the same as Wetland Protection and not to allow compensation for someone compromising the endangered species. Jack will keep the committee posted on this matter.

c) Brookfield Road Derelict Vehicles

Paul raised the issue of derelict vehicles on private property rotting in a field on Brookfield Road. This is a property standards issue. Paul will contact by-law enforcement.

9. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next EAC meeting will be on May 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That with no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED.