



## **Minutes**

### **Green Committee**

February 20, 2019

5:30 pm

Municipal Operations Centre  
408 James Street South, St. Marys

Members Present: Lynette Geddes, Chair  
Katherine Moffat, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Craigmile  
John Stevens  
Fred Stam  
David Vermeire

Staff Present: Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works  
Morgan Dykstra, Public Works Coordinator

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

#### **2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None received.

#### **3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution: GC-2019-02-01**

**Moved By** D. Vermeire

**Seconded By** F. Stam

**THAT** the February 20, 2019 regular Green Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

**Carried.**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

None received.

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Resolution: GC-2019-02-02**

**Moved By** J. Stevens

**Seconded By** D. Vermeire

**THAT** the January 16, 2019 regular Green Committee minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and Committee Secretary.

**Carried.**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Town of St. Marys Forestry Program**

J. Kelly outlined the Public Works Department's organizational structure and its regular operations. J. Kelly also provided insight with regards to some operational challenges and potential improvements with regards to forestry management.

J. Kelly also responded to Committee Member's questions.

**6.2 PW 12-2019 Forestry Management Plan: Tree Species List**

M. Dykstra spoke to PW 12-2019 Forestry Management Plan: Tree Species List.

M. Dykstra updated the Committee on forestry legislative requirements and how the Town complies with those requirements.

The Committee discussed the proposed Tree Species List.

The Committee agrees that during Step 3 of developing the tree species list, the following characteristics should be considered to determine tree suitability: height, soil type, growth speed, availability, and costs.

Once the tree species list is finalized, the Committee will consider developing handouts for each tree that include the benefits of trees, and facts about the tree. The handouts will be given to properties adjacent to a

newly planted tree within the boulevard. When planting, possibly ask property owners fronting the boulevard their species preference.

**Resolution: GC-2019-02-03**

**Moved By** F. Stam

**Seconded By** K. Moffat

**THAT** PW 12-2019 Forestry Management Plan: Tree Species List be received; and

**THAT** Appendix F – Species List & Planting Conditions be retained for natural areas; and

**THAT** the proposed modified environment species list be considered; and

**THAT** Step 3 of creating a revised Tree Species List be initiated.

**Carried.**

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Blue Bag Flyers Delivery**

J. Stevens brought forth a concern within the Community. Blue bags with flyers are distributed throughout Town, the bags are often haphazardly thrown onto people's front lawns and the sidewalk.

J. Stevens asked if the concern is within the scope of the Committee. J. Kelly stated that it can be. Town staff will investigate the issue, and contact the blue bag providers before other actions are undertaken.

### **7.2 Green Exposition**

J. Stevens proposed hosting a Green Exposition to highlight green initiatives, inviting green vendors and stakeholders like Bluewater Recycling Association.

Chair L. Geddes suggested that J. Stevens provide an outline of what the Green Exposition would entail, detailing location, possible vendors and costs. Upon receipt of the outline, the Committee will discuss if they would like to move forward with the Green Exposition.

J. Stevens stated that he will bring forward an outline at an upcoming meeting.

### **7.3 Public Works Newsletter**

M. Dykstra informed the Committee that the Public Works Department issues two newsletters each year informing the public about various operational activities and reminders.

M. Dykstra asked the Committee to send her via email any topics they would like discussed in the spring newsletter.

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

2019 Green Committee calendar received.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: GC-2019-02-04**

**Moved By** Councilor Craigmile.

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 PM.

**Carried.**

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Lynette Geddes, Chair

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Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary