



Minutes

Green Committee

April 17, 2019

5:30 pm

Municipal Operations Centre
408 James Street South, St. Marys

Member Present

Lynette Geddes, Chair
Katherine Moffat, Vice-Chair
Councillor Craigmile
Fred Stam
David Vermeire

Member Absent

John Stevens

Staff Present

Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Dave Blake, Environmental Services Supervisor
Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None received.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution: GC-2019-04-01

Moved By K. Moffatt

Seconded By F. Stam

THAT the April 17, 2019 regular Green Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

None received.

5. ACCEPTNCE OF MINUTES

Resolution: GC-2019-04-02

Moved By D. Vermeire

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the March 20, 2019 regular Green Committee minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and Committee Secretary.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Chair Geddes spoke to inviting Ron Aitken to the Sparling Bush Walking Tour, Ron re-directed Chair Geddes to speak with Bruce Symons for the tour.

M. Dykstra invited Bruce Symons to the tour, he will meet the Green Committee at the Waterloo Street entrance of Sparling Bush at 6:20 pm.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 John Stevens re: Notes re: St. Marys Green Expo

Resolution: GC-2019-04-03

Moved By F. Stam

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the Correspondence from Member J. Stevens regarding the current status of hosting a Green Expo be received.

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 PW 23-2019 TEXTILE RECYCLING

D. Blake introduced himself as the Environmental Services Supervisor for the Town of St. Marys. D. Blake spoke to the report and answered questions.

D. Blake clarified that Diabetes Canada works in partnership with Value Village in Stratford. All the proceeds from textiles that Value Village can sell are returned to Diabetes Canada.

The Committee noted that the existing textile recycling bins throughout Town are usually full, the installation of a bin at the St. Marys Landfill Site will be beneficial. Furthermore, the Town should investigate if a container should be placed at another location, for example, the Elgin Street or Jones Street parking lots. If the Town pursues another site, staff should consult with the Salvation Army.

The Committee agreed that if textile recycling bins are placed on Town property that Diabetes Canada should empty the bins regularly to prevent the containers from overflowing. There is more of a concern for the more public locations where there is no oversight.

When installed, the Town, in conjunction with Diabetes Canada should provide an information piece outlining what materials are acceptable.

Resolution: GC-2019-04-04

Moved By D. Vermeire

Seconded By F. Stam

THAT Report PW 23-2019, Textile Recycling be received; and

THAT staff consult with the Salvation Army regarding the option of having a second textile recycling bin in the downtown area; and

THAT the Green Committee recommends to Council that a textile recycling program at the St. Marys Landfill Site be adopted in partnership with Diabetes Canada

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Bluewater Recycling Association

Councillor Craigmile asked the Committee if it would be acceptable to see if Bluewater Recycling Association (BRA) will attend the Farmer's Market and provide a demonstration of acceptable and unacceptable materials for recycling.

The Committee agreed that having BRA attend a Farmer's Market is desirable. The Committee also inquired if BRA has new bin stickers for the curbside recycling receptacles. Councillor Craigmile will look into both items.

10. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

April 17, 2019 – 6:20 pm, Green Committee walking tour of Sparling Bush, Waterloo Street entrance of Sparling Bush (weather dependent)

May 22, 2019 – 5:30 pm, Green Committee, Municipal Operations Centre

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: GC-2019-04-05

Moved By K. Moffat

Seconded By D. Vermeire

THAT this meeting of the Green Committee adjourn at 6:05 pm.

Carried

Chair

Committee Secretary