



Minutes

Green Committee

September 18, 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 David Vermeire
Members Absent	Fred Stam
Staff Present	Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution: GC-2019-07-01

Moved By Katherine Moffat

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the September 18, 2019 regular Green Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority re: Invasive Species in Sparling Bush

John Stevens arrived at 5:34 PM.

Morgan Dykstra introduced Vanni Azzano and Jay Ebel of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. Vanni and Jay discussed their letter to the Committee and recommendations for improving the health of the Sparling Bush.

The Committee discussed the benefit of using filter cloth to suffocate dog-strangling vine. In two to three years, the filter cloth will deteriorate, and the Town can plant native species. The fabric will continue to smother the invasive species and allow new species to thrive.

The Committee affirmed that chemical treatment is unacceptable. To eliminate the invasive species, the Town must use a Class 9 herbicide.

Mr. Azzano and Mr. Ebel advised that any woodchips used in Sparling Bush should be clean. The wood chips should not contain any remnants of Buckthorn or Manitoba Maple trees. The application of woodchips on the trail and the perimeter should be three to four inches high.

Resolution: GC-2019-07-02

Moved By David Vermeire

Seconded By Katherine Moffat

THAT the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority invasive species Sparling Bush letter be received.

Carried

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution: GC-2019-07-03

Moved By David Vermeire

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the June 19, 2019 regular Green Committee minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and Committee Secretary

6. REPORTS

6.1 PW 58-2019 Review & Endorsement of DRAFT Sparling Bush Plan 2020-2022

The Committee recommends that staff should use metrics to determine the effectiveness of the approaches.

Resolution: GC-2019-07-04

Moved By Lynette Geddes

Seconded By David Vermeire

THAT PW 58-2019 Review & Endorsement of DRAFT Sparling Bush Plan 2020-2022 be received;

THAT the Committee endorse the DRAFT Sparling Bush Plan 2020-2022; and

THAT the Committee recommend Council allocate funds in the 2020 Capital Budget to implement the Plan's objectives for 2020.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Bluewater Recycling Association – Mixed Paper Recycling

The Committee discussed how Bluewater Recycling Association processes mixed paper. The Company currently complies with existing contamination restrictions for mixed paper.

7.2 Solid Waste Management By-law Update

M. Dykstra provided the Committee with an update on the draft Solid Waste Management By-Law, and decisions made by the Strategic Priorities Committee on September 17, 2019.

J. Stevens proposed that the use of plastic water bottles at Council meetings be prohibited. Councillor Craigmile will discuss the ban with Council.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. - Solid Waste Management By-law

November 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: GC-2019-07-05

Moved By John Stevens

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT this meeting of the Green Committee adjourn at 6:45 PM

Carried

Chair

Committee Secretary