



Minutes
Green Committee

August 19, 2020

5:30 pm

Video Conference

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Member Present	Katherine Moffat, Chair Lynette Geddes Councillor Pridham Fred Stam John Stevens David Vermeire
Staff Present	Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works Dave Blake, Environmental Services Supervisor Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lynette Geddes requested that an item be added under 7. Other Business regarding producer recycling responsibility.

Councillor Pridham requested that an item be added under 7. Other Business regarding artwork on Dave's Tunnel and the possibility of enhancing the Town's trail system.

Resolution: GC-2020-04-01

Moved By Lynette Geddes

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the August 19, 2020 Green Committee agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution: GC-2020-04-02

Moved By John Stevens

Seconded By Fred Stam

THAT the June 24, 2020 Green Committee minutes be approved and be signed by the Chair and Committee Secretary.

Carried

5. STRATEGIC ITEMS - PROGRESS UPDATES

M. Dykstra spoke to the Strategic Priorities Status Table.

Resolution: GC-2020-04-03

Moved By David Vermeire

Seconded By Lynette Geddes

THAT the August Green Committee Strategic Priorities Status Table be received for information.

Carried

6. REPORTS

6.1 PW 49-2020 MUNICIPAL HAZARDOUS AND SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION

D. Blake spoke to the report and responded to questions from the Committee. The Committee discussed the options provided within the report.

The Committee was of the consensus that more information is required before considering changes to the provision of municipal hazardous and

special waste collection services for residents of St. Marys and Perth South.

The Committee asked that staff proceed with the October collection depot event, and report back to the Committee with more information.

The Committee made the follow resolution:

Resolution: GC-2020-04-04

Moved By Lynette Geddes

Seconded By Fred Stam

THAT PW 49-2020 Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Collection be received; and,

THAT the Green Committee recommend that staff move forward with the October depot event; and,

THAT more information be provided to the Committee at its November meeting.

Carried

6.2 PW 52-2020 WASTE REDUCTION WEEK

M. Dykstra spoke to the report and responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee made the following resolution:

Resolution: GC-2020-04-05

Moved By John Stevens

Seconded By Lynette Geddes

THAT PW 52-2020 Waste Reduction Week report be received; and

THAT the Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council proclaim October 19 to October 25 as Waste Reduction Week; and

THAT Council direct staff to craft a media campaign to highlight waste reduction activities and advertise existing waste diversion programs in St. Marys.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Wildflower Areas in St. Marys

As advised by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, M. Dykstra provided the Committee with information related to establishing wildflower areas.

The Committee agreed that they would like to continue investigating the feasibility of establishing wildflower areas and requested that staff prepare a formal report to be presented to the Committee for consideration.

Resolution: GC-2020-04-06

Moved By Lynette Geddes

Seconded By John Stevens

THAT Staff follow up with the Committee with a report regarding establishing wildflowers at its next meeting.

Carried

7.2 Gypsy Moths

The Committee will do some research regarding possible mitigation strategies for gypsy moths and will report back at the next Committee meeting.

7.3 Producer Pay Responsibility for Recycling

L. Geddes asked if there is a Town update regarding producer pay responsibilities for recycling.

D. Blake responded that the Province of Ontario is moving forward with a regulation regarding a circular economy for waste diversion, which is a producer pay model. The blue box recycling program will be progressing to producer pay between 2023 and 2025. The Town has been in consultation with Bluewater Recycling Association to determine a transition date.

7.4 Dave's Tunnel Artwork

Dave's Tunnel is located along the loop trail between the Municipal Operations Centre and the Cement Plant. Dave's Tunnel has graffiti along the lower level. Councillor Pridham proposed painting above the existing graffiti as an amenity to the trail system.

Jed Kelly suggested that staff have a conversation with Canadian National to determine if they will provide permission to paint the tunnel.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 23, 2020 @ 5:30 PM (Virtual Meeting)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: GC-2020-04-07

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By David Vermeire

THAT this meeting of the Green Committee be adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Katherine Moffat, Chair

Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary