



Minutes

Green Committee

November 24, 2021

5:30 pm

Video Conference

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Member Present	Lynette Geddes, Chair Katherine Moffat Councillor Pridham Fred Stam John Stevens David Vermeire
Staff Present	Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary Erica Martin-Coddington, Public Works and Planning Assistant
Others Present	Amara Kartick, Climate Change Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Geddes called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fred Stam entered the meeting at 5:31 P.M.

Resolution: GC-2021-08-01

Moved By John Stevens

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the November 24, 2021 Green Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Creating a Healthy Environment - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan

Amara Kartick, Climate Change Coordinator for the Town of St. Marys presented the Creating a Healthy Environment Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (the “Plan”) and responded to questions from the Committee.

Amara Kartick advised the Committee that she is currently drafting an implementation work plan that will detail how the actions described in the Plan will be executed. The Committee sought clarification regarding how they will participate in the work plan creation process. Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works proposed that Town staff create a preliminary work plan detailing the action items, and their status, the Green Committee can assign a priority status to each action item. The Green Committee was of the consensus that the proposed approach is agreeable.

The Committee recommended that other strategic documents like the Community Safety and Well-being Plan be considered while creating an implementation work plan.

The Committee discussed how the Plan will be rolled out to the public and how it can be simplified for general consumption. Jed Kelly advised that the work plan will address this concern.

Councillor Pridham inquired if Amara Kartick has prepared any responses to the questions posed by Council at the October 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Amara Kartick responded that she hopes to have a response to Council by the end of the year.

The Committee discussed the importance of having a tool that can calculate greenhouse gas emissions, and how that tool could measure

how each proposed action item will decrease greenhouse gas emissions in St. Marys to determine overall impact.

The Committee inquired how the emissions data included in the report was collected. Amara Kartick responded that the data is derived from the St. Marys Emission Profile using 2017 as the baseline year. Amara Kartick further advised that she is currently collecting the 2020 and 2021 emissions data.

Resolution: GC-2021-08-02

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By David Vermeire

THAT Creating a Healthy Environment – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan report be received.

Carried

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution: GC-2021-08-03

Moved By John Stevens

Seconded By Fred Stam

THAT the September 22, 2021 Green Committee minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and Committee Secretary.

Carried

6. STRATEGIC ITEMS - PROGRESS UPDATE

Morgan Dykstra and Jed Kelly presented the November Green Committee Strategic Priorities Table and responded to questions from the Committee.

Resolution: GC-2021-08-04

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Fred Stam

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

Carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 PW 81-2021 Request to Expand St. Marys' Pollinator Garden

Morgan Dykstra and Jed Kelly spoke to the report and responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee asked if the wildflowers will continue to spread, Morgan Dykstra responded that she will need to confirm, and will present the response to Council.

The Committee asked if pollinator gardens can be planted in new developments. Jed Kelly responded that new developments can be reviewed, along with the St. Marys Cemetery.

Resolution: GC-2021-08-05

Moved By Katherine Moffat

Seconded By David Vermeire

THAT PW 81-2021 Request to Expand St. Marys' Pollinator Garden report be received; and

THAT the Green Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council approve the action to expand the St. Marys' Pollinator Garden located in the Sparling Bush trail triangle by 96m² square meters; and,

THAT Council direct staff to pursue grant funding to fund the pollinator garden expansion.

Carried

7.2 PW 82-2021 Green Initiative Awareness Program (February 2022)

Morgan Dykstra and Jed Kelly presented the report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Resolution: GC-2021-08-06

Moved By John Stevens

Seconded By Fred Stam

THAT PW 82-2021 Green Initiative Awareness Program (February 2022) report be received; and

THAT the program requirements February 2022 call for submission be:

- Small businesses (2 to 15 employees) shall be the eligible submitters, and,
- The submissions should be waste reduction related initiatives.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. (Virtual)

February 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. (Virtual)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: GC-2021-08-07

Moved By Katherine Moffat

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT this meeting of the Green Committee adjourns at 6:34 P.M.

Carried

Lynette Geddes, Chair

Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary