

## **ESAC minutes -2017-02-27**

**Present:** Liz, Jay, Chris, Martin, Heidi, Jeff    **Regrets:** Laurent

**Agenda** – Motion to accept – moved – Liz, second – Heidi. Carried.

**Minutes** for Feb 06– Motion to accept – moved – Heidi, second – Jeff Carried.

### **Letter to Ainley**

- Liz has drafted a letter requesting that Ainley examine alternatives to the single, centralized waste water treatment system for the Town of Erin.
- Liz will forward the letter to Ainley, and to the Town Clerk so that it can be circulated to Council.
- Jay will circulate it to the Public Liaison Committee.
- According to the latest update, CVC has not indicated any concerns.

### **Cornerstone**

- Nick's presentation to council was well done and well received – it was referred to staff and Nick will answer any questions or concerns.

### **Nestle** (Jay recused himself from the discussion)

- A draft resolution was circulated to the committee and the following refinements were suggested; that Nestle pilot a deposit system for their plastic bottles – there are precedents in a number of American states (As of October 2010 there are 11 states that have container deposit laws; California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Oregon, Vermont.)

### **Motion: Be it resolved that the Town of Erin:**

1. Reject the voluntary levy because water is a basic human right and should not be commodified. (Besides, local citizens in our urban centres have access to healthy, safe drinking water via taps.)

OR

2. Accept the voluntary levy on the condition that: a) Nestle initiates a pilot project in the Town of Erin requiring a 10 cent deposit on all Nestlé plastic water bottles, and offers a means to collect + recycle far more than 60% of these bottles. Several jurisdictions such as Alberta already have deposit systems for plastic bottles as well as other containers. ([www.bcmb.ab.ca/refunds-recycling/refund-amounts-containers-sold-in-alberta](http://www.bcmb.ab.ca/refunds-recycling/refund-amounts-containers-sold-in-alberta)) b) Nestle

raise the levy from .50 cents to \$1.00 per 1000 litres, and the annual minimum from \$25,000 to \$50,000 c) Council shall direct funds from the levy to green initiatives in the Town. d) Nestlé bottle water from Hillsburgh in coloured glass to be able to track its lifecycle. (Alternatively, to report where its bottled water products are distributed for sale and consumption). e) Nestle offer, in its regular report to the Town, progress on addressing the 'bigger picture issues' of corporate social responsibility, and its efforts to eliminate the problem of plastic pollution in our rivers, lakes and oceans.

Moved by Liz. Seconded by Heidi. Motion carried.

**Logo/Banner** – Laurent will forward a selection of pictures for the banner

### **Home and Lifestyle Show**

- Table is booked.
- There is space at the table for others and Jay will ask the Chamber to put all similar groups in the same area (ie Green Legacy, CVC, Trails – Martin will check on this one, and Transition Erin – Heidi will check on this one, Soil Health – Liz will check).
- Rain Barrels to be sold at show and on May 6 (Green Legacy Day) Jay is willing to front the \$ and is to expense to Gail. Will sell for \$35-\$40. Order 50.

### **Hillsburgh Pond EA** (Jeff recused himself)

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that before a final decision on the Hillsburgh Pond is made, evaluation of all seven options be made available to Council. Moved: Heidi Seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

### **Advocate**

- ESAC's intro piece was in January.
- March – Chris will do a piece on SAR (picture + 300 words or 500 words).
- April – will be on rain barrels.

### **New Business**

SAR – Jeff will print copies of the first two pamphlets (snapping turtle and Chimney swift) Heidi will send

Hillsburgh Library – Ground Breaking – March 10<sup>th</sup>

Turtle Crossing – Jeff will be asking Greg to mount signs before the spring work rush. Also suggested that plastic sleeve signs be made available to the public at the home show(will also cost plastic core).

Climate Change – need to prioritize. Jeff will order “Stepping Up to the Climate Change Challenge”. Note – provincial gov. is updating building code regulations in light of CC – space for ESAC to examine and advise.

Osprunge Subdivision – (Thomasfield Homes Developer/Builder) had their initial public meeting and Heidi and Jay will contact builder re possibilities for green build

Guest speakers – Mike Nagy of the WWW will be invited Liz. Another possibility is “The founder of the Blue Box program” Jeff will contact. Noted that speakers shorten the time for business meeting therefore may have one every second or third meeting.

**Motion to adjourn:** Martin. Second: Jeff

**Next meeting:** March 27

Post meeting note. March 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting cancelled. Nestle delegation – March 21.