



Environment & Sustainability Advisory Committee
Agenda
February 12th, 2024
6:30 PM
Erin Town Hall, lower-level meeting room / Zoom

Present: John Brennan, Abel Page, Martin Rudd, Christina Green, Gavin Dandy, Sarbpreet Bopairai, Chris Tynan, Jen Edwards

Absent: Julie René de Cotret

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Item 8 should read “Date of Next Meeting (March 11th, 2024)”

Moved by John Brennan

Seconded by Gavin Dandy

Carried

3. Declaration Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes of January 8th, 2024

Moved by Abel Page

Seconded by Martin Rudd

Carried

5. Guest speaker - Jeff Duncan, Wellington County Councillor

Not in attendance, will follow-up.

6. Business Items

6.1 Climate change Policy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory

Nothing to report

6.2 Potential grants writing and application

Nothing to report

6.3 Clean up kit project

Project will be presented to the council as part of our yearly presentation.

6.4 Earth Day 2024 - April 27th, 2024

Venue

Arena is rented for the entire day, vendors will be in attendance from 10AM - 3PM, which will allow for more congregations around vendors directly following/prior to garbage drop-off. The tables will be provided to the vendors by the arena, however will require setup.

Food

A BBQ will be provided for volunteers (with token), prepared by the Optimist Club. ESAC discussed also offering BBQ items to non-volunteers at a small charge. ESAC is also looking at potentially other food vendors (Rami's Falafel truck).

Vendors

There will be a variety of vendors, businesses, clubs, displays and groups including Everdale, Seed library and a worm farm. Some vendors have offered to do workshops and/or crafts. ESAC will be covering the cost of a \$50 fossil discovery table for kids by Messy Labs. ESAC proposed having a book exchange station arranged at a table. ESAC will have a table and has acquired 200 trees to handout during the event.

Event Marketing

ESAC discussed reaching out to Chris Vernon to plan a media press to market the event.

Clean-up

Bins have been arranged through Sanderson disposal, free of cost. We are still in need of purchasing bags, gloves and pickers. Christina will prepare a checklist of local streets/areas that will be assigned to volunteers.

Prizes

Prizes will be available for volunteers, ESAC discussed requiring the winners to be present at the time of the draw (ie. 2PM).

6.5 ESAC Grant 2024

Jen shared the grant opportunity with 5 schools in the area. The deadline is March 8th, which will allow for ESAC members to discuss a winner during our meeting on March 11th.

6.6 Presentation to Council

Christina recirculated the previous year's presentation. The new presentation will have 2 parts including what we've previously done and our long term vision (ie. express the urgency to create our own Green Standards). John suggested that ESAC should present to council during their second presentation in March or the first meeting in April. Christina will continue updating the presentation with feedback from ESAC.

7. Other Business

7.1 Green Development Standards

Considering future developments, there is an urgency for Erin to create their own Green development standards.

Wellington, Dufferin, Grey will join to make Green development standard.

7.2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory

Chris will follow-up in the coming weeks.

7.3 Farm gate

Jen will follow up with the Town (Chris Vernon) in hopes of sharing local inventories of produce to Erin residents..

7.4 New Banner Sign

Martin will inquire on the cost of a new sign to help advertise Earth Day. Alternatively, Christina can have student volunteers construct disposable signs.

7.5 Seedy Saturday - March 9th, 2024 (Erin United Church, 10AM-3PM)

Martin will run the ESAC table and coordinate the sale of turtle signs.

8. Date of Next Meeting (March 11th, 2024)

9. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:47PM.

Moved by Abel Page

Seconded by Martin Rudd

Carried