



Environment & Sustainability Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 11th, 2024
630 pm
Erin Town Hall, lower-level meeting room / Zoom

Present: John Brennan, Abel Page, Martin Rudd, Christina Green, Emma Tynan, Mikaela Pagotto, Chris Tynan, Valerie Chhoka, Jen Edwards and Gavin Dandy

Absent: Sarbpreet Bopairai

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by John Brennan

Seconded by Christina Green

Carried

3. Declaration Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes of February 12th, 2024

Moved by Abel Page

Seconded by John Brennan

Carried

**5. Welcoming new members, introduction and voting / confirmation of positions:
Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary X2**

By acclamation, the position of chair was given to Abel Page

All in favour.

By acclamation, the position of vice-chair was given to Martin Rudd

All in favour.

By acclamation, the position of secretary was given to Christina Green. Valerie Chhoka will act as secretary when Christina is unavailable.

All in favour.

6. Business Items

6.1 Green Standards update and Greenhouse Gases inventory

Wellington, Dufferin and Grey Counties are currently working together to develop Tri-County Green Development Standards (GDS). The Town of Caledon drafted their own Green Development Standards last year. Considering the upcoming housing developments within the Town, there is also a need for the Town of Erin to develop and adopt their own Green Standards as soon as possible.

The Town has requested that we estimate the Greenhouse Gas Emissions baseline for residents and businesses within the Town. John Brennan received data from Hydro One and Enbridge based on postal codes. Abel will recirculate this information for further analysis.

6.2 Earth Day 2024 – Planning update

The event is being held on April 27th at the Center 2000, consisting of a garbage pick-up in the morning, as well as a local vendor market (approximately 20 vendors, from 10AM-3PM). The volunteers will be given a burger, prepared by the Optimist Club. There is also a raffle being held for volunteers. There is a need for more garbage bags for the event, John Brennan will inquire.

6.3 ESAC Grant 2024 – take a decision on who is the recipient

ESAC will follow up with the applicant, to clarify how much funding is required for their project. If the entirety of the grant is not required, it can be moved towards next year's fund. ESAC also discussed sharing resources with the applicant, such as information regarding native species. Gavin Dandy has also offered to share some

leftover resources and has volunteered to reach out to the school principal. Martin Rudd has also offered to reach out to the principal.

ESAC is proceeding with giving Ross R Mackey PS funds for their project.

All in favour.

6.4 Presentation to Council – set the date + presentation review

Christina circulated the presentation for a second time and received feedback from a couple of members. ESAC discussed adding the following:

What ESAC did in 2023:

- Events such as Earth Day
- Environmental Grant
- Formal proposal: to the Town regarding Clean-Up kits

What ESAC is working towards:

- More marketing of our own events, such as increasing involvement on social media and speaking with residents at major events
- Opening avenues of communication regarding environmental concerns between residents, ESAC and council members
- Policy to increase in livestock units
- Building a Green directory
- Policy for restricting water extraction
- Using Data to create a Greenhouse Gas emissions baseline for residents and local businesses
- Policy for strategic tree planting within the community (ie. established Green spaces)

6.5 Shamrock awards voting

The Shamrock Awards are occurring April 24th, at the Center 2000 at approximately 5:30PM. Moving forward, ESAC will encourage nominations rather than judge and vote.

7. Other Business

ESAC discussed purchasing five new shirts for members. Martin and Jen will inquire on pricing from local vendors. ESAC also discussed designing and printing a banner and/or tablecloth.

Jen submitted \$10 for the sale of a turtle sign. Jen received \$10 for the cost of the table.

8. Date of Next Meeting (April 8th, 2024)

9. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:35PM.

Moved by Abel Page

Seconded by Christina Green

Carried