



Environment & Sustainability Advisory Committee
Minutes
April 8th, 2024
630 pm
Erin Town Hall, lower-level meeting room / Zoom

Present: John Brennan, Abel Page, Martin Rudd, Mikaela Pagotto, Chris Tynan, Valerie Chhokar, Jen Edwards, Sarbpreet Bopairai, Emma Tynan

Absent: Christina Green, Gavin Dandy

1. Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Chris Tynan

Seconded by Martin Rudd

Carried

3. Declaration Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes of March 11th, 2024

Moved by John Brennan

Seconded by Martin Rudd

Carried

5. Guest Speaker: Wellington County Councillor, Jeff Duncan

Provided overview of Wellington County's Environment & Sustainability Initiatives. \$301.4 million dollar budget. \$128.8 million in tax dollars. The initiative began in 2021 through Wellington County's directive. Town of Erin has one of the largest landfill sites. Some initiatives organized include:

- Started leaf and yard waste collection and compost bins. First collection of the year this month.
- Household hazardous waste collection.
- Opportunity to help with former landfill sites – pollinator gardens. Budget of \$20 000 for this. Second transfer station on 8th line.
- Required third party who collects solid waste to move away from diesel and to use electric vehicles.
- \$1.4M provided by Ontario to continue Ride Well program.
- The Green Legacy plants 170 000 trees annually – you can volunteer or request trees here: [Green Legacy Programme - Planning - Wellington County](#).
- Our Impact 2020-2023 Our Food Future global meeting happening locally in June.

The Province of Ontario is taking over recycling collection in 2025. Wellington County has the opportunity to continue picking up for businesses or not. Decision will be made in the coming months. How are businesses going to take care of their recycling? Can we work with the Chamber to promote this?

Question from Abel - How can ESAC help? – opportunities for feedback, environmental initiatives found on the site. Email Jeff if you're interested in helping/participating in any initiatives.

6. Business Items

1.1 Green Standards update and Greenhouse Gases inventory

Question on when the green standards will be completed - John hopes they will be completed this year. Wellington County has their own green standards document coming in the next year. Chris has not been able to move forward on Greenhouse Gases.

1.2 Earth Day 2024 – Planning update

List of volunteers distributed during meeting. Discussion on who can assist with what. Social media content created & scheduled by Val and Sarb. Chris to provide red gloves for garbage pick up volunteers (thank you!). Martin to create and obtain A-frame signs.

1.3 ESAC Grant 2024 – Update

Martin looking to connect with the school. School to be notified that they received the grant.

1.4 Presentation to Council – Update

Delegation submission to Council for April 25th.

1.5 Social media update

Abel to provide Val link to google drive. Val will create schedule for posting and share with all.

1.6 Other initiatives

Jen to reach out to her contact for t-shirts. Use same design as last time.

2. Other Business

- Jennifer “in charge of artwork” has an event on May 25th at the Hillsburg library.
- Please register and come out to see the Shamrock awards – April 24th at 5:30 pm.
- John to be away May meeting, Justin to cover in absence.

3. Date of Next Meeting (May 13th, 2024)

4. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:21PM.

Moved by Martin Rudd
Seconded by Abel Page

Carried