



Environment & Sustainability Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 13th, 2024

630 pm

Erin Town Hall, lower-level meeting room / Zoom

Present: Justin Grainger, Abel Page, Martin Rudd, Chris Tynan, Valerie Chhokar, Jen Edwards, Christina Green, Mikaela Pagotto, Gavin Dandy

Absent: Emma Tynan, Sarbpreet Bopairai, John Brennan

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Martin Rudd

Seconded by Valerie Chhokar

Carried

3. Declaration Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes of April 6th, 2024

Minor typo on previous minutes, there should be two l's in Hillsburgh.

Moved by Chris Tynan

Seconded by Abel page

Carried

5. Business Items

5.1 Green Standards update and Greenhouse Gases inventory

- Still awaiting to be published, as Jack Krubnik's position is filled (former Director of Planning and Development).
- In addition to the Green Standards, the town has also started its own Strategic Plan, which is not yet in its consultation phase. ESAC hopes to provide some input once it's in the consultation phase. More information is available on the Town Of Erin website
- Chris Tynan is still working towards analyzing the data on Greenhouse gasses.

5.2 Earth Day 2024 – Wrap up + expenses approval

- Event was well received from ESAC members who attended. The event was well shared on social media and had a variety of vendors. The new signs, addition of a choir and vendor presentations were well liked.
- For next year, ESAC discussed opening vendor applications to the public, and ensuring that vendors stay the entire length of the event. Some vendors were leaving at 1pm instead of the end time. We should also aim to notify local schools and cadet corps to participate by adding a note to the parent newsletter and/or website. ESAC discussed liability and whether we should obtain forms from participants in future events. ESAC also discussed possibly shrinking the space and ending the event at an earlier time.
- Receipts for the following costs were submitted to Abel.
 - Abel spent \$395.84 on food for the event.
 - Jen spent \$72.41 on supplies for garbage pick-up for the event.
 - Martin spent \$327.64 on screws and signs for the event.
 - Emma spent \$86 for signs and printing of flyers.
 - ESAC purchased 5 new shirts for members, costing \$206.25
 - The venue rental cost was \$300.
 - **All members are in favour of reimbursement.**

5.3 ESAC Grant 2024 – Update

- Ross R MacKay Public School will be notified that they are the grant recipient. The town will issue the cheque.

5.4 Presentation to Council – Follow up

- Presentation was well received by the council.
- The clean-up kit recommendation was approved.
- Martin discussed that for next year, it should aim to have more of a “grassroots” approach and use more common language.
- Council recommended that we work with the Erin Economic Development Committee to publish the Green directory, which will highlight a range of eco-friendly, local establishments.
- Martin brought up the suggestion of hosting a BBQ for all committee volunteers. Justin will follow up on its feasibility.

5.5 Social media update

- Valerie hopes to put together an internal calendar schedule, in an effort to regularly share posts throughout the year.

5.6 Other initiatives

- Everdale Farm is hosting a seedling sale on Thursday (May 16) 1-7PM and Saturday (May 18) 10-2PM. It is a fundraiser for the Good Food Project.

- Justin will share more details on the clean-up kit program development and will look into liability.
- Christina will share the current bylaw in regards to backyard chickens (BY-LAW #16-33) and what she thinks should change. This can be further discussed next meeting.
- ESAC discussed the need for a more concrete and formal process to make recommendations to the council.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Date of Next Meeting (June 10th, 2024)

8. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:11PM.

Moved by Abel Page

Seconded by Martin Rudd

Carried