
Kentville Environmental Committee

MINUTES

January 6, 2009

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE FEB 23, 2008

PRESENT

Director Beverly Gentleman, Director Mark Phillips, Chairperson Eric Bolland, Jean Heisler, June Moores, CAO Keith Robicheau, Bob Howell, Councilor Tony Bentley, Ashok Despande, Recording Secretary Lindsay Young.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Bolland called the meeting to order at 12:18pm and reported that all members were present. Chairperson Bolland introduced and welcomed new committee member Ashok Despande to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Bentley and seconded by Jean Heisler

that the agenda be approved

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(a) September 25th 2008.

It was moved by Bob Howell and seconded by June Moores

that the Minutes of September 25th, 2008 be approved with no errors or omissions

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Update on Recycling Bins.

Mark Phillips reported that a number of recycling bins have been donated to the Town by Tim Horton's. The bins will be placed in high traffic areas around Town.

Points from Discussion:

- It was mentioned that the Kentville logo should be placed on the bins.

- Tim Horton's has not requested that their branding be put on the bins.

(b) Energy Audit report.

Mark Phillips outlined the process involved in having the energy audit done on the Town's facilities. He reported that before a consultant is engaged, some data will be gathered internally. Director Phillips reviewed how the necessary data will be gathered and input into a spreadsheet that will provide the consultant with a summary of current facility consumption.

(c) ICSP update.

Director Beverly Gentleman reported that a person has been hired to develop the Town's ICSP. Brennan Vogle will start on Monday January 12, 2009. He will attend the next meeting of EAC.

(d) Bike Racks

Director Phillips reported that Bike Racks have been installed around Town, to promote the message of active transportation. Additionally, an active transportation assessment will be done on the Town to determine walk ability, bike ability etc.

(e) Promotion of Anti-idle Bylaw (signage)

Chairperson Eric Bolland informed the committee about additional signage that has been installed around Town to continue awareness of the anti-idling bylaw. Additional decals have also recently been obtained and will be distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Power of Green Conference

Chairman Bolland updated the committee on the Power of Green Conference he attended in October. The conference was sponsored by NS Power and included learning pieces on energy conservation.

(b) Annapolis Royal Environment Conference

Chairperson Bolland outlined topics of discussion that were part of the Environmental Conference held in

Annapolis Royal including energy conservation, climate change and global warming.

(c) New Initiatives

- Bottled Beverages: Chairperson Bolland reported that discussions have taken place regarding a shift from using bottled beverages to an alternative. The goal is to phase out the provision of bottled beverages in Town Hall for public meetings by International Water Day, March 22, 2009. CAO Robicheau will inquire about Municipal fed water coolers for staff use. As well, all council and staff will be supplied with personal water containers as part of an active living initiative. A reserve supply of bottled water that uses reduced packaging will be supplied for staff and guests if required.
- Earth Day Promotion: The committee discussed a plan to create more awareness around Earth Day which takes place on April 22nd 2009. The group will discuss this idea further and establish a plan at upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

1:24pm meeting adjourned.