

Kentville Environmental Committee

MINUTES

October 19th, 2009

Approved by Committee December 17, 2009

PRESENT

Brennan Vogle, Director Beverly Gentleman, Councilor Tony Bentley, Chairman Councilor Eric Bolland, Director Mark Phillips, Committee Member Bob Howell, Recording Secretary Lindsay Young.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Bolland called the meeting to order at 1:03pm and reported that all members were present with the exception June Moores and Jean Heisler.

PRESENTATIONS

N/A

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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As the Minutes of June 18, 2009 were not official, no approval was necessary.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a)

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Drive Wiser

A letter was received from the Drive Wiser campaign organizers requesting that the Town of Kentville participate in the program. Chairman Bolland suggested that a letter be sent informing the group that the Town is already participating through the anti-idling campaign, but if they would like to recognize us as a participant they may do so.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Fall Clean-Up

Chairman Bolland suggested a fall clean-up be coordinated with the school, for some day between now and December 1st 2009. Director Phillips suggested marrying the event with the Torch Relay, which will be happening in Kentville on November 20th, 2009. Chairman Boland will speak with the Principal at KCA regarding this event at the next SAC meeting.

(b) Water Quality Promotion

ICSP Coordinator Brennan Vogle reported that the results

of the public survey showed water quality as a high priority for most residents. Director Beverly Gentleman stated that while it was identified as a priority, it was not identified as a problem, and the Town will continue to maintain its water standards in the future as it always has in the past.

(c) Reschedule Valley Waste Tour

The previous tour was cancelled and Chairman Bolland suggested the tour be rescheduled for another time. Director Gentleman will contact Valley Waste to set up the new time.

(d) Energy Audit Update

Director Phillips reported that the previous cost sharing agreement has expired. The agreement may be renewed by request before November 6th 2009. In August, a list of consultants was compiled. Three front runners have been identified. Director Phillips aims to have consultants in place by the new year.

(e) Solar Community Update

Director Phillips reported that the Town of Kentville will be partnering in a project with NS Power involving solar energy use at the arena. Kentville is one of two sites in the Province that have been selected for the pilot project. A solar system will be installed and used to heat all water used in the arena. Director Phillips reported that the installs will happen in November. Ten panels will be installed on the South side facing Main Street, and two panels will be installed on the flat pitch over the main entrance.

Points from discussion:

- It was asked if an assessment will be carried out to measure the outcome of the project. Director Phillips reported that NS power will be measuring outcomes, and the propane bills will reflect positive changes as a result of the panels.
- Currently 10,000 gallons of hot water per week are used at the arena.
- 19% of the total arena water consumption is hot water.

(f) 350 Update

Brennan Vogle reported that at the last CAC meeting, Council voted to support the 350 initiative taking place this weekend in various valley communities. A photo of the Environmental Committee with the 350 sign was taken for the website to show support for the initiative.

(g) Eco-Kings Sustainability Event update

Chairman Bolland reported that an Alternate Energy and Sustainability event happening at the fire hall on Nov 21st from 2:00pm – 8:00pm. Comedian Bill Carr has been invited, no charge at the door. NS power and others will be exhibiting there.

(h) Drive Wiser Partnership update

Refer to report under correspondence.

(i) FCM Webinar November 4

Webinar scheduled for November 4th. Brennan will be participating. The conference room has been booked and anyone is welcome to attend. An e-mail will be circulated with a time inviting people to attend.

(j) Water Cooler update

A water cooler has been placed in the staff room next to Council Chambers. It will be installed and working over the next few weeks.

(k) Upcoming Eco-expo

An Eco-Expo is happening in Halifax on November 21st and 22nd. Chairman Bolland invited Committee members to attend.

(l) Trail Update

Director Phillips reported that a portion of the Trail has been paved. He explained that the paving is one step out of three in a process that will result in hard surface trail from the school site all the way to the downtown. This work will promote active safe routes to school, accessibility for the KRC facility and active transportation to downtown from the west end.

ADJOURNMENT

12:50pm meeting adjourned. Next meeting date will be December 17th 2009 at 1:00pm in Council Chambers followed by a tour of Valley Waste.