

## **The Town of Carleton Place Environmental Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes**

**Carleton Place Public Library**

**Monday October 7, 2024 - 7:00p.m.**

**Present: Laura Cupper, Barb Purdy, Anne Raine, Bill Slade, Derek Trevorrow.**

**Guests: Teagan McGlynn, Michael Tobis**

**Regrets: Colin MacDuff, Jessey Rice, Jeff Atkinson**

1. Call to Order

7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Declaration of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest and General Nature Thereof

None

4. Approval of Minutes - CPEAC Minutes from September 16, 2024, meeting.

Moved by Bill, seconded by Derek

5. Teagan McGlynn a Grade 12 student at Notre Dame High School was introduced and welcomed.

Teagan has submitted her resume and applied for the student seat with EAC.

6. Development Permit By-Law Review – Definitions in DBP review

Derek has reviewed 35 pages of definitions, extracted out the relevant ones, and is presently researching against other jurisdictions eg: Guelph, Halton Hills. Derek will share his work to date.

**Action:** Derek to send out his work on the definitions.

7. Just Good Compost (JGC) – Update & report on PumpkinFest booth, Next steps.

There are now more than 50 residents who have registered for JGC since the beginning of the campaign approximately 10 days ago. Interest was expressed by some residents living outside Carleton Place,

particularly Beckwith. It was helpful that Will was on CBC and CTV just ahead of PumpkinFest. Michael explained that compost is basically carbon neutral; nevertheless, it prevents the methane gas caused by food waste in landfills.

Barb suggested that we need to focus on waste reduction and Derek feels the Waste app could have more waste reduction tips. Could promote JGC as a gift. Teagan feels her generation needs to be approached via social media eg: Instagram. Could a coffee discussion group help raise awareness about zero waste, food waste, etc.?

**Actions:** Barb will look into creating an Instagram account in order to reach young adults.

Michael will work on EAC Facebook posts and contact Amanda Charania for approval.

Anne will add information on JGC to the EAC web page on the town's website and make sure links between our web page and Facebook page are working.

## 8. Town Council Update

Nothing to report that is EAC related.

## 9. CNL – Home Resiliency Workshop – Report

Bill indicated that it was hard to hear the speaker. Michael felt the workshop offered good tips for home owners on preparing for various climate-related emergencies. Barb felt these topics could be covered further in other venues. Bill suggested that he felt there were holes in the Emergency Preparedness plan for the Town and that more in-depth planning is needed at the municipal level for what happens when these emergencies occur. Anne suggested that the Public Health Unit could help with planning for how to keep at-risk residents safe during emergencies.

**Action:** Bill as requested by Barb will review the Town's emergency plan and make a list of ways it could be strengthened to make the town better prepared to care for residents in future emergencies. He will report his findings at the November or December meeting.

## 10. Earthfest Workshops for May 3rd, 2025

Discussion around possible workshop topics such as: Emergency Preparedness, Invasive Species, Local Endangered Species, Ebikes, Kayaking and Canoeing, Indigenous Environmental ideas.

### **Actions:**

Barb intends to connect with Colleen Gray to gain more contributions from Indigenous groups as well as reaching out to Ginawaydaganuc Village organizers.

Teagan said that she would investigate some possible Indigenous connections through her Teacher at Notre Dame.

## 11. Health Unit – Climate Change Health, Vulnerability & Adaptation Assessment

Anne has met with Danielle Shewfelt and explained that the Health Unit has resources for municipalities and the general public related to climate change and its public health impacts. The plan is to keep the conversation going and see how we can collaborate on climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives.

**Action:** Anne will invite Danielle Shewfelt to speak with EAC.

## 12. Other items:

Anne questioned if we could work more communally on a community climate action project to complement the workshops on individual climate action that EAC and CNL have organized; perhaps with service clubs involved.

Discussion about Ottawa's new idling bylaw legislation. The new law restricts idling to 3 minutes in any 60 minute period. In temperatures above 27C or below 0C, idling is restricted to 10 minutes per hour. The standard fine is \$500 but can escalate to \$100,000 for repeated or egregious cases. Toronto's bylaw limits idling to no more than one minute in 60 minutes.

Meeting ended.

Moved by Derek, seconded by Anne.

**Next meeting: Monday November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Carleton Place Library**