

# CPEAC Meeting | MINUTES

November 2, 2020 | 6:30pm | Meeting location via Zoom

Meeting called by	Dena Comley (Chair)	Present: Bill Slade, Jeff Atkinson, Tracy Kwissa, Colin MacDuff, Natalika Culhane, Jack Havel, Laura Cupper, Jamie DeBaie  Regrets: Kyle McCulloch
Type of meeting	Committee Meeting	
Facilitator		
Secretary	Tracy Kwissa	
Meeting Called to Order @ 6:30 pm Welcome Alex Hayman from Food Cycler. Will be making a presentation to Committee. Minutes from October 5, 2020 Approved, Motion brought forward by Colin MacDuff, seconded by Jack Havel		

## AGENDA TOPICS

Time Allotted 30 minutes | 6:35 pm | Agenda topic Food Cycler | Presenter Alex Hayman

The Food Cycler is an indoor device. It has a 2.5L capacity and runs for 4-6 hours. It composts kitchen food waste and produces a soil amendment that is dry, sterile, odourless and can be stored until you are ready to use it. The compost can be used in gardens and to feed animals. It costs approximately \$500 and is no louder than a dishwasher. The lifespan of the machine is approximately 5 years and the power consumption is .8kwh per cycle. All food waste can be put into the Food Cycler except large meat bones and hard fruit pits. This unit is a great option for apartments and condos and a less invasive compost collection method than Green Bins, which can be "stinky and yucky". The Food Cycler keeps food waste out of landfills.

There is also an industrial size which is useful for hospitals, daycares, restaurants, hotels, etc. These units cost approximately \$15 000. There are government subsidies and grants available and Food Cycler will assist with these applications. Municipalities can also pass on these savings to residents and subsidize units. There is opportunity to run a Pilot Project with commitment of 150 residences willing to use the composter for 3 months. There is funding to bring the cost of the machines down for those in the Pilot Project.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Make proposal to Council to consider a Pilot Project	Jeff Atkinson	TBD

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Time Allotted 15 minutes | 7:00 pm | Agenda topic Anti-Idling | Presenter Colin MacDuff

Colin went to Jack 88.1 in Smiths Falls and did a radio interview about the new Anti-Idling Bylaw. Posters are up around Carleton Place; signs are up around town (installed by the Town Public Works). St. Mary's School Grade six class is making posters to bring awareness about the campaign, and they will be put up around town in store windows etc., to increase awareness.

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Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Summary Report for Council	Colin	TBD

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Time allotted 15 minutes | 7:15 pm | Agenda topic Council Update | Presenter Jeff Atkinson

There has been a group of residents petitioning the Town to allow backyard chickens. There is a possibility of a Pilot Project to test it out with this small group of residents. There is a budget meeting coming up and this might be a good opportunity to discuss the Food Cycler Pilot Project and funds being made available for subsidizing the cost of the machine for the participants.

Water fountains are currently not available for use at Town Buildings Arena, Pool, etc.) due to COVID-19. Parents are being asked to bring water bottles for their children playing sports. The CPEAC does not support this and would like to suggest that people be permitted to use the water fountains to fill their own reusable water bottles.

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Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Clarify water fountain and water bottle refilling	Dena	Asap

Notes: the Ontario Environment Network AGM is November 25, 2020. Pre-registration is required to participate.

Next meeting: December 7, 2020 @ 6:30 pm Location TBD

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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