

CPEAC Meeting | MINUTES

January 11, 2021 | 6:30pm | Meeting location via Zoom

Meeting called by Dena Comely (Chair)

Type of meeting Committee Meeting

Facilitator

Secretary Tracy Kwissa

Present: Dena Comely, Bill Slade, Tracy Kwissa, Colin MacDuff, Jack Havel, Laura Cupper, Jamie DeBaie, Randy Martin

Regrets: Jeff Atkinson, Kyle McCullouch, Natalika Culhane

Meeting called to order by Dena Comely at 6:33 pm

Two items added to agenda: Resignation of Natalika Culhane and Green Bin Discussion

Approval of Agenda: Motion brought forward by Laura Cupper, seconded by Colin MacDuff

No Conflict of Interest

Minutes from December 7, 2020 Motion to Approve Moved by Jamie DeBaie, seconded by Jack Havel. Approved

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted 15 minutes | 6:40 pm | **Agenda topic** Anti-Idling Campaign | **Presenter** Colin MacDuff

Colin has posted the Final Report for the Anti-Idling Campaign on the Google Drive. He will send it to Town Staff. Twelve businesses in Carleton Place have (voluntarily) agreed to put up anti-idling signs on their property. CPEAC is covering the costs of the signs.

Action items

Person responsible Deadline

Colin

January 2021

Time allotted 15 minutes | **6:55 pm** | **Agenda topic** Green Development Checklist | **Presenter** Dena Comely

Dena met with Niki Dwyer at the Town and gave her the letter that is to accompany the Checklist. Nicky will include the Checklist in the Developer Package. She is in support of the checklist and will promote it.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
None		

Time allotted 15 minutes | **7:00 pm** | **Agenda topic** Water Filling Stations | **Presenter** Dena Comely

The two water filling stations at the Arena are being used frequently. The filling station at the Carleton Place Pool and the Canoe Club is being installed this year, but a concrete date was not provided. There is no installation date for the filling station at Junction Park.

The CPEAC recommends that the filling station at Junction Park be included as part of the 2021 installations.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
None		

Time allotted 15 minutes | **7:15 pm** | **Agenda topic** Partners for Climate Protection/CCAP | **Presenter** Dena Comely

Dena spoke with Mayor Doug Black and CAO Diane Smithson about the CCAP. Resources need to be allocated to this initiative; it needs staff and a budget.

This Committee encourages the Town to join this initiative. This group has resources and staff to push forward Green initiatives County wide. Tay Valley and Smiths Falls have both joined the PCP. The PCP has two staff (1 FT and 1 PT) The PCP is still in the data collecting phase. A Motion was put forward by Colin MacDuff and seconded by Laura Cupper.

Motion: THAT the Carleton Place environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council take the first step in creating a Climate Action Plan and pass a resolution to join the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP)

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
None		

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Time allotted 15 minutes | 7:30 pm | **Agenda topic** Compost/Rain Barrel Programs | **Presenter** Dena Comely

Dena sent an email to Guy Bourgon about the subsidy the Town offers for composters. Historically, the Town has awarded no more than fifteen subsidies in a year. This Committee would like to see this number increased and would like the Town to include Rain Barrels in this program. The program needs to be better advertised and promoted more.

CPEAC recommends that the Town better advertise the existing composter subsidy program by adding a more visible button or link on the website. A social media campaign could also be used to support the subsidy program with the goal of increasing participation and creating awareness. The CPEAC also recommends that the town consider adding water/rain barrels to the program.

Action items**Person responsible** **Deadline**

Further discussion

All

Next meeting

Time allotted 15 minutes | 7:45 pm | **Agenda topic** Green Bin Survey | **Presenter** Colin MacDuff

North Grenville is starting their Green Bin program in February 2021. Colin will access their survey to use for our own survey in Carleton Place. He spoke with Perth; they own their own land for green waste. There has been a significant cost savings in their garbage collection since beginning their Green Bin program with lower weight on shipping waste to the landfill. The Town of Perth was able to supply Green Bins to residents and do the pickup at no cost.

Action items**Person responsible** **Deadline**

Develop survey

Colin, Tracy, Laura Next meeting

Time allotted 15 minutes | **7:55 pm** | **Agenda topic** Wildflower Planting | **Presenter** Laura Cupper

This item will be moved forward to Spring 2021. Laura has researched various planting programs and found the one in Georgian Bay to be the most effective. The Municipality used plant plugs and watered the gardens for one year. The gardens were then established and continued to grow and flourish. To consider this type of program we need to know: cost of plant plugs, cost of materials for raised beds, what type of plants would be best for this geographic area, cost of signage (to explain purpose of gardens etc.), and where we would be able to build the beds.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Research above program	Laura	TBD

Notes and Additional Comments

Dena informed the committee that Liam from Public Works is attending the workshops regarding climate action for Municipalities. He will present to CPEAC later.

Jaimie requested we as the Town to send a Letter of Protest to Doug Ford regarding the dismantling of Conservation Authorities. This will need to be discussed with our Council Representative, Jeff Atkinson.

A letter will be sent on behalf of the CPEAC to Natalika Culhane for her dedication and support while on this Committee. A Letter of Reference will also be offered.

Next meeting, we will discuss funding and our budget for 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting February 8, 2021 via Zoom at 6:30 pm