

MINUTES

Environment Advisory Committee

Thursday June 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cardiff Municipal Office

Members Present:

Suzanne Partridge (Chair)
Jim Sangster
Andrew von Zuben

Staff Members Present:

Shannon Hunter CAO/Treasurer
Joanne Vanier

Guests:

Mike Daly
Cam McKenzie

Regrets:

Dave Burton, Reeve
Roger Williams
Laurie Devolin (CBO)

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest – None
3. Agenda adopted with the addition of update on Septic Maintenance Program
4. Minutes from the April 13, 2017 minutes were approved as circulated.
5. Josh Bramham has resigned from his position with the municipality and has also resigned from this committee.
6. Green Burials -Mike Daly
Mike Daly brought information on the increased number of requests for Green Burials and an article on Union Cemetery in Cobourg.
An advantage to setting up a green burial site is the minimum amount of maintenance that is required. Grass is generally left uncut. The site could be a meadow or a treed area with or without trails. It could be a new cemetery or located at the back of an existing cemetery sectioned off by a wood fence or hedge. Options for recording those who have been buried include an area at the entrance with plaques.
The committee will review the material and bring the discussion forward to the next meeting. Mike Daly can be contacted at dalyfuneralhome@bellnet.ca with any questions.
7. Re-Use signage and article
Motion by Andrew, Seconded by Jim
That we request permission from council to have reuse signs made and installed at the municipal landfill sites at a size appropriate to the other signage at the landfills.

Motion by Jim, Seconded by Andrew
That we request permission from council to publish the approved Reuse Article on the municipal website and social media.
8. Earth Day Recap
There were lots of people in Gooderham for the Earth Day program. The Gooderham action group had displays and activities throughout the day. Jim reported there was less garbage and more people helping out at Paudash Lake. The Centre Lake boat launch was cleaned up by a group of geocachers. No one showed up at Highland Grove. We need to partner with local community groups (action groups, cottage and lake associations) to get more involvement. Planning for next year will be put on the September agenda.

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9. Recycling Day

Stewart Hurd spoke with the municipality's recycling committee and they are agreeable to doing a training seminar. The committee would like a session at the Cardiff Community Centre on a Saturday at 10:00 am followed by a session at the Gooderham Community Centre at noon. Proposed dates are August 19th or August 26th. Joanne will check on the availability of the locations and give the dates to Stewart to arrange.

10. CHA shoreline planting

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners has chosen Paudash Beach to be naturalized. They will do a site visit on June 23rd which Suzanne will attend.

11. Reception for Environment Commissioner

Andrew will attend the reception in Minden July 6th on behalf of the committee in Suzanne's place.

12. Update on Septic Maintenance Program

Shannon reported the students have been doing an excellent job of surveying and inspecting properties. To date they have completed 299 properties, collecting excellent data.

Their report shows:

68% Low Risk

20% Medium Risk

10% High Risk

2% Very High Risk

13. Next Meeting – July 13, 2017, 7:00 pm

14. Meeting Adjourned 8:05 pm