

MINUTES

Environment Advisory Committee

Thursday July 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cardiff Municipal Office

Members Present:

Suzanne Partridge (Chair)
Jim Sangster
Andrew von Zuben
Roger Williams

Staff Members Present:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Joanne Vanier, Committee Coordinator

Regrets:

Laurie Devolin (CBO)

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest – None
3. Agenda amended to add item 11. Recruitment and adopted
4. Minutes from the June 8, 2017 minutes were approved as circulated.
5. Items arising from Previous minutes
Addressed below
6. Green Burials
Common model seems to be forested area as opposed to open meadow with small natural markers, no headstones. Deer Lake cemetery is our best option.
Resource sites are: Natural Burial Association <http://www.naturalburialassoc.ca> and Green Burial Society of Canada <http://www.greenburialcanada.ca/>
Shannon will enquire with the advisor of the students working for the municipality this year to see if they can research and report on Green Burials. Jim has a list of questions/notes that he will forward.
7. Re-Use signage and article
Andrew will correct a typo on the sign and send the file to Joanne. The article and sign have been approved to go on the municipal website and social media. Approval was also given for the landfill signs. Joanne will confer with Stewart Hurd regarding the appropriate size for the signs.
8. Report on Zero Waste Conference
Suzanne and Stewart attended the Zero Waste conference which was interesting but provided little practical information in how to implement (i.e. mandatory composting).
9. Report on meeting with the Environment Commissioner
Suzanne had lunch with the Environment Commissioner, Dianne Saxe, who oversees the use of the Environmental Bill of Rights. She is working on improvements to the Ontario Environmental Registry website www.ebr.gov.on.ca She has no control over the use or disbursement of funds.
10. Recycling Day
Recycling Information Day set for Saturday, August 19th, 10:00 am in Cardiff, 12 noon in Gooderham, at the community centres. We will advertise on Facebook and the municipal website, and get the information to lake associations by email and councilors. Joanne will write up a blurb and send to Suzanne for proofing.

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11. Recruitment

We need to actively recruit for a committee member representing ward 3 or 4.

12. Next Meeting – September 14, 2017, 7:00 pm

13. Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm