

## MINUTES

### Environment Advisory Committee

Thursday Mar. 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cardiff Municipal Office

**Members Present:**

Suzanne Partridge (Chair)  
Andrew von Zuben  
Michael March  
Dave Burton

**Staff Members Present:**

Joanne Vanier, Committee Coordinator

**Regrets:**

Roger Williams  
Jim Sangster  
Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest – None
3. Agenda adopted
4. Minutes from the January 18, 2018 adopted
5. Report on Joint Environment Committee meeting & Discussion at County Council

Suzanne attended a joint Environmental Committee meeting with other municipalities. Although she introduced the idea of Earth Day Clean-up throughout the county, it would appear that none of the other municipalities are getting on board. Climate change was the main topic of discussion and it was brought forward to County Council to discuss. A further presentation to County is being planned.

6. Green Burial Presentation in February

The U-Links presentation with a preliminary report on Green Burials was well done in February. The students will be making the presentation on March 24 in Minden at a Celebration of Research event. We look forward to the final presentation. We will invite Mike Daley to join us at that time.

7. EH – Proposed Fix-it Day

Terry Moore has suggested holding a “Repair Café” where a handful of skilled people will gather to instruct others on how to repair their items rather than throwing them away. The idea is to have a teachable component to the event rather than just fixing items. Skills could be varied from appliance repair to sewing. The committee is interested in pursuing this and Suzanne will contact Terry.

8. Suggestions for projects this year

**Re-use Centres at our landfills.** It would require changing our landfill certificate. Joanne will contact Stewart Hurd about this and invite him to our next meeting to discuss. Other municipalities (Cavendish) have working models which the committee could tour with Stewart. The committee will investigate the models we could tour and report back at our next meeting.

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**Compost education** is another item we could pursue. Suggestions include subsidized composting bins for sale by the municipality (digesting style would be preferred) and perhaps compost sites at the community gardens.

**Mining of Tory Hill landfill.** Other municipalities (Blue Mountain, and perhaps Faraday) have done this. The concept is to bring in a company to dig through the landfill over a period of months, pulling out recyclable materials. This would extend the life of the landfill and it would remain a functioning site while the work is being done. Dave will investigate Blue Mountain and Suzanne will investigate Faraday and report back.

#### 9. Earth Day Cleanup Planning

A number of organizations/groups emailed have replied that they are interested in participating in the Earth Day Clean-up event.

Joanne will contact Jim Alden to dig out the road signs and bring them to our meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

In the past we have offered juice and snacks to the school children at the community centres in Wilberforce and Cardiff after they do their clean-up. Joanne will contact the principal and see if she would like us to do that this year.

Gloves and bags will be made available at four fire halls (Wilberforce, Gooderham, Cardiff & Hwy 28). Dave can man Wilberforce and Suzanne Hwy 28. Dave will contact acting fire chief Chris Baughman to see if any of the fire fighters would be willing to man the stations.

Garbage could be dropped off at the fire stations or the landfill sites. Other large collections will need to be picked up by parks staff once we determine the locations.

Andrew will work on a poster for the event which should be up well before our next meeting. It will also be posted on our website and social media

Interested participants:

Denise White/Winder, Gooderham Action Group, Gooderham

Barbara Kraus, Gooderham 3-4 people

Marla Fine, Billings Lake Assoc.

Mike Thomas, Paudash Lake Assoc. McGillivray Rd

Steve Kauffeldt, Cardiff

Carol Simmons, Bark Lake Cultural Dev. Irondale

Barb Davies, Wilberforce & Cardiff schools

Larry Andrews, Koshlong Lake Assoc.

Dave Burton, Hadlington Rd.

#### 10. Next Meeting – April 12, 2018, 7:00 pm Cardiff Community Centre

#### 11. Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm