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Environment Advisory Committee

Thursday April 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cardiff Municipal Office

Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Joanne Vanier, Committee Coordinator

Regrets:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Dave Burton

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest – None
3. Agenda adopted with the addition of Joint Environment Meeting and Recycling
4. Minutes from the March 8, 2018 adopted
5. A joint Environment committee will be meeting in Algonquin Highlands. Of the three dates, Tuesday, May 22 is the only day Suzanne can attend. She will respond to the calendar and Mike and Jim plan to attend with her
6. Earth Day Cleanup
Four fire halls will be manned with bags and gloves and 5 reflective vests (belong to the county) which need to be carefully kept track of.
Wilberforce –Dave Burton
Gooderham –Mike March
Hwy 28 -Suzanne Partridge
Cardiff –Roger Williams
Bags and gloves will also be available at the Wilberforce Municipal office the week prior to clean-up.
Joanne and Suzanne will send emails out to those who responded letting them know where pickups will be and requesting they inform us where garbage will be left for municipal staff to collect.
7. Landfill Mining
Nothing to report at this time, Dave will be looking Blue Mountain
Jim will do some online research on the cost/benefit of landfill mining.
8. Re-use Centres
Stewart Hurd reported:
“In regards to the idea of a single Re-use Centre it appears that the Bicroft and/or Glamorgan sites would not require any amendment to the existing Environmental Compliance Approval as there appears to be no prohibition of scavenging outlined in the certificate (to confirm).
A few items I would recommend for consideration prior to moving forward would be;
Seek legal input regarding any/all potential liabilities
Addition of a building/shelter on site to house/secure re-use items during open/closed times.
Consideration as to what items would be acceptable/unacceptable.

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Additional resources/staff required in order to oversee the re-use center while fulfilling all other duties required at the facility.

Communicate with surrounding municipalities that have existing re-use center(s) in place.” Moved by Andrew, Seconded by Mike that we request staff seek legal advice on the potential liabilities with a re-use centre.

Before proceeding further, we will tour existing re-use centre with a list of questions including staff time requirement, and benefits to the landfill site by diverting waste.

Andrew will check on the hours at the Cavendish site (Peterborough County). We will also check on Haliburton and any other re-use sites we can locate.

9. Recycling

Andrew suggested that in light of the warning from China that they will soon be refusing recycling material, we should become proactive by producing education materials in the form of a series of messages to the public regarding cleanliness of recycling, costs of rejected loads, unacceptable items, etc. We will work on this at our May meeting.

Suzanne will ask Stewart for an update on the current compacting at the landfill.

Andrew will look into the possibility of a Repair Café.

10. Next Meeting – May 10, 2018, 7:00 pm Cardiff Community Centre

11. Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm