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Environment Advisory Committee

Thursday May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cardiff Municipal Office

Members Present:

Suzanne Partridge (Chair)

Andrew von Zuben

Jim Sangster

Guest: Cam McKenzie

Staff Members Present:

Joanne Vanier, Committee Coordinator

Regrets:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer

Roger Williams

Michael March

Dave Burton

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest – None
3. Agenda adopted
4. Minutes from the April 12, 2018 adopted

5. Earth Day Cleanup review

Highway 28 fire hall had no one show up. Suzanne cleaned the area by herself

The day before the event someone from Highland Grove emailed to request bags and gloves at the fire hall there. A group did clean up in Highland Grove

Dave Burton reported that no one showed up for bags and gloves in Wilberforce, however one family arrived at the fire hall at 11:55 and finding no one there were upset and took their garbage to the dump rather than leaving it at the fire hall as we had intended.

Paudash Beach had 3 people cleaning up.

About 12 geocachers cleaned Glamorgan road near Apple Drive as there was too much snow on the boat launch to clean it.

There were a few groups in Gooderham, but not many.

Reviewing the event, it was brought up that cleaning is more of a beautification project than saving the earth. It is hard to sort roadside garbage for recycling because of its age and contamination. The Gooderham Action Group event held at the community centre, although interesting, doesn't really focus on reducing garbage, climate control or education. Perhaps in future years a different kind of event could be held for Earth Day, focusing on education or even tree planting. A larger event could rotate around the municipality. The committee will revisit this at a future meeting.

6. Re-use Centres

The committee would like to tour operating reuse centres in Cavendish and Haliburton.

Joanne will contact them and request a tour on Saturday, June 23rd if possible. Committee members will email Joanne questions they would like to ask at the reuse centres. This road trip will replace the June committee meeting.

7. Green Burials

The Green Burial contained a lot of information already known to the committee. The report didn't address specific cemeteries in our municipality. Further investigation of the cemetery soil composition and the possible effects of groundwater runoff are needed. The recommendation to become certified as a provider under the Green Burial Council is not necessary. It is a US based organization. The report contains some links to further

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information, of particular interest is naturalburialassoc.ca which is a Canadian counterpart to the Green Burial Council.

We will invite Jim to our July meeting to further discuss green burials.

8. Recycling Education
Suzanne will email Stewart to ask for information regarding the quality of our recycling
9. Next Meeting – June 23, 2018, a planned trip to tour the reuse centres in Cavendish and Haliburton.
10. Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm