

Corporation of
The Township of Billings

Go Green Committee Meeting

MINUTES

August 27, 2019

Present: Sharon Jackson (Chair), Mike Coomes, Sandy Cook, Susie De Kuyper, Chris Theijsmeijer

Staff: Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk; Kristin Koetsier, Climate Change Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

Cook – Theijsmeijer: Accept agenda as presented. Carried.

The committee discussed strategies for keeping informed of asset management activities and decisions in order to fulfill their mandate with respect to that topic. Consensus was reached for the Chair to ask the Asset Management Committee if an additional Go Green Committee member could be appointed to that committee.

Committee continued discussion of potential goals and initiatives, including:

- Investigating potential to go ‘carbon neutral’ similar to Eden Mills, Ontario;
- Smart/programmable thermostats for township facilities. Mr. Coomes reported that he followed up on this with a geothermal company and smart thermostats are possible for the Park Centre, but would require wifi;
- Promoting the showing of a plastics reduction documentary at the Anglican Church in Kagawong;
- Feasibility of installing an electric vehicle charging station in Kagawong, or many stations across the island;
- Increasing compliance with landfill rules (e.g. recycling);
- Engaging with local businesses to reduce waste, particularly single-use plastics;
- Waste Reduction Week activities;
- Developing a green policy for facilities rentals and events, partnering with 4Elements for the upcoming Elemental Festival as a pilot.
- Continuing blog on a new platform and public education materials on township website

The Climate Change Coordinator reported that she is working towards a public open house this fall and requested a copy of any community feedback from Go Green’s past outreach activities.

The committee requested a copy of the township’s energy expenditures to date. The Deputy Clerk to provide for next meeting.

The next meeting was set for September 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm, Park Centre Lower. Subsequent 2019 meetings will be set on the fourth Wednesday of October and November.

DeKuyper: Adjourn meeting at 7:24 pm. Carried.

Sharon Jackson, Chair

Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk

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These minutes have been prepared but are not considered official until approved by Committee at a subsequent meeting.