

Corporation of
The Township of Billings

Go Green Committee Meeting

MINUTES

September 25, 2019

Present: Sharon Jackson (Chair), Mike Coomes, Sandy Cook, Susie De Kuyper, Chris Theijsmeijer, Ian Anderson (Mayor)
Staff: Megan Bonenfant, Deputy Clerk; Kristin Koetsier, Climate Change Coordinator
Others: Sharon Alkenbrack

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Coomes – De Kuyper: Accept agenda as amended. Carried.

Two items were added to the list of goals for discussion: asset management planning update and input and assisting the Climate Change Coordinator with the Climate Action Plan.

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Theijsmeijer – Cook: Accept August 27, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Council Update:

The Chair provided an update on council's recent support of reThink Green's application for a Manitoulin municipal energy manager. She also advised the committee that council has asked Pinchin Ltd to develop a sequential fill and closure plan for the landfill site.

Old Business:

- a) Review of code of conduct, conflict of interest, procedure by-law

The Mayor explained council's motivation and process for this term's reorganization of committees of council. He then highlighted the key points of the procedure by-law, terms of reference and code of conduct. He explained council's decision to deny this committee's request for another appointment to the Asset Management Committee and the committee discussed.

- b) Priority setting

The committee continued their discussion of potential goals and initiatives ('projects') and reached consensus that further discussion is required before making a fulsome recommendation to council on their goals/projects for the remainder of their term.

Cook – Coomes: BE IT RESOLVED that the Go Green Committee recommends that Council for the Township of Billings direct the Go Green Committee to look into smart thermostats and hot water on demand for municipal facilities. Carried.

New Business:

- a) Resolutions from Bluewater, Halton Hills and Kitchener re: container deposit program

Cook – Theijsmeyer: BE IT RESOLVED that the Go Green Committee recommends that Council for the Township of Billings adopt a resolution in support of Halton Hills resolution 2019-0141 and the City of Kitchener and Municipality of Bluewater's resolutions regarding a container recycling deposit program, emphasizing the need for increased producer responsibility to eliminate single use plastic packaging. Carried.

- b) Waste Reduction Week planning

Ms. De Kuyper informed the committee that the Anglican church will be showing a documentary entitled "Plastic Ocean" on Thursday October 24th at 7:30 p.m. and the committee agreed to promote this.

Jackson – Cook: BE IT RESOLVED that the Go Green Committee recommends that Council authorize a Junk in Your Trunk Share and Swap event to celebrate Waste Reduction Week on Saturday, October 26th at the Kagawong Pavilion from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Carried.

The next meeting was set for October 23, 2019 at 7:30 pm, Park Centre Upper.

Cook: Adjourn meeting at 9:38 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.