

Corporation of
The Township of Billings

Go Green Committee Meeting

MINUTES

October 23, 2019

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

Regrets: Chris Theijsmeyer

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

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

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Old Business (f) Asset management update and input
- Old Business (g) Electric vehicle charging stations
- New Business (a) Legacy Project
- New Business (b) Facility rentals contract

De Kuyper -Cook: Accept minutes of September 25, 2019, meeting as presented. Carried.

Council Update:

The Chair provided an update from the regular council meeting held on October 21, 2019. Mr. Coomes requested that future Go Green resolutions contain a timeframe for completion.

Climate Change Coordinator Report:

The Climate Change Coordinator provided an update on the progress of the Climate Action Plan project. She is organizing a public open house on December 4, 2019 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Park Centre to provide information to and solicit feedback from the public. The Committee will assist with advertising for the open house.

Old Business:

- (a) Smart thermostats/on-demand hot water for municipal facilities: the matter has been referred to staff for action.
- (b) “A Plastic Ocean” viewing at Anglican Church: will occur this Thursday October 24, 2019.
- (c) Waste Reduction Week Junk in your Trunk event: will occur Saturday October 26, 10:00 am- 12:00 pm at the Kagawong Pavilion.
- (d) Elemental Festival follow-up re: waste reduction: 4Elements provided a photo of the waste generated over the 4-day festival, which showed minimal waste.
- (e) Blog update: consensus to review blog and discuss at a future meeting.
- (f) Asset management update and input: Ms. Cook provided an update from the Asset Management Committee meeting and proposed recommendations for communications between the Asset Management Committee and the Go Green Committee and 15 Old Mill renovations.

Cook – Coomes:

WHEREAS the Go Green Terms of Reference identifies the role of the committee as “to advise council on “environmentally responsible” practices including greenhouse gas reduction and energy conservation best practices in asset management planning” and, WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Asset Management Committee is “to advise council on matters related to the full life-cycle management of municipal assets...” THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an Asset Management Committee report will be shared at the Go Green Committee meeting as a standing agenda item. Carried.

Cook – Coomes:

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Cook – Coomes:

WHEREAS the Old Mill is a heritage building and should be preserved for the future; and, WHEREAS the Old Mill is inefficient by having no green design or energy saving features; and, WHEREAS no solutions have been proposed to address mitigation of its carbon footprint; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Go Green Committee recommends that the Township investigate planning and funding for an alternate building for municipal office space taking into consideration comparison of life cycle costs over the next 30 years for the Old Mill and for a new multi-purpose facility that includes the municipal office. Carried.

- (g) Electric vehicle charging: Ms. Cook introduced a Notice of Motion, to be considered by the committee after a deputation by Jan McQuay:

“THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Go Green Committee recommends that council direct staff to investigate the cost of installing two Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations on the north wall of the Park Centre and approach Oakville Enterprises Corporation for funding.”

New Business:

- (a) Legacy Project – this item was covered by Old Business (f).
- (b) Facility rentals contract: The Chair asked committee members to review the rental contract and brainstorm additions specific to waste reduction.

Information:

The Chair encouraged members to circulate articles of interest to the committee.

The next meeting was set for November 27, 2019 at 7:30 pm, Park Centre Upper.

DeKuyper: Adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm. Carried.