

REGULAR MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.

Township of South-West Oxford

Council Chambers

Present: Chair Jim Pickard; Mayor David Mayberry; Councillor Valerie Durston; Cathy Reeves (community representative), David Schell (community representative)

Guests: None.

Regrets: George Klosler (community representative)

Staff: Clerk Julie Middleton, Works Superintendent Adam Prouse and Chief Building Official Howard Leaver

Call to Order

Chair Jim Pickard called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Motion to Accept the Agenda

Resolution No. 1 Moved by: David Mayberry
Seconded by: Valerie Durston

RESOLVED that the agenda for the meeting of the June 7th, 2023 Environment and Energy Innovation Committee be approved, as amended (World Environment Day – Hand Towels at Municipal Office – Recycling).

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

Minutes

Resolution No. 2 Moved by: Howard Leaver
Seconded by: Valerie Durston

RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 3rd, 2023 meeting Environment and Energy Innovation Committee meeting be reviewed and approved.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Mount Elgin Hall Ceiling Insulation

At the previous meeting, Howard Leaver asked for an extension to obtain a quote for insulation and a cost to replace the ceiling tiles with new tiles. Howard advised the Committee that he has another contractor coming to look at the hall. They suggested that the existing spray insulation be removed and that new insulation be sprayed in. He will bring forward a quote for this work as well as the original quote to add additional insulation to the next meeting. He stated that another possibility may be add insulation over the ceiling tiles. Discussion took place regarding concerns about the Township's ability to recover the cost of this work through energy savings.

Beachville Fire Station Hydro Usage

Julie advised the Committee that we don't have the most recent bill yet for May; this will be added to the next meeting agenda. A reduction in energy consumption has been observed in the last two months. Motion sensor lights have been removed from the fire hall because they were not shutting off properly and adjustments have also been made to the in-floor heating at the fire hall. This has resulted in reduced energy consumption at the hall. The Committee will continue to monitor this and requested energy use data from the Mount Elgin Fire Hall for comparison purposes.

Township Electrical Audit

Howard was authorized to start an electrical audit of the Mount Elgin Fire Station at a previous meeting. He provided an update for the Committee and advised that he is getting quotes for LED lighting at the Mount Elgin Fire Hall. Howard will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Fluorescent Lighting at Mt Elgin Fire Station

Howard received a quote for the lights; however, not for the labour to install the lights. He will bring this forward to the Committee at their next meeting. The Committee transferred \$15,000 into climate change reserves for projects in 2023 which could be utilized for this purpose. The estimate for lighting is \$4,669.67 (eligible for \$1,300 grant) plus the costs of labour. He will provide the Committee with the total cost for their consideration at the next meeting.

** Howard left at 5:01 p.m.*

New Business

Industrial Recycling

Discussion took place among the committee regarding how industrial operations within the Township, such as Salford Farm Equipment and Red Dragon Dairy, can recycle. It is not known at this point how this may change for these businesses when the province moves forward with their plan for producer responsibility recycling. There will be more discussion about this between the Township and the County over the next couple of years as implementation moves forward. It was noted that there are a lot of challenges that will need to be worked out.

World Environmental Day

[World Environment Day](#) was discussed. It was suggested that the Township take part in this initiative in 2024. This will be added to the agenda in September, 2023 to consider for next June 5th, 2024.

Hand Dryers/Hand Towels

Discussion took place regarding various options for reducing paper hand towel waste at the municipal office. A hand dryer has been installed in the basement washroom. Adam is going to obtain a price for pull-down fabric hand towels. The possibility of using cloth hand towels and washing them was also discussed. Paper hand towels can't be recycled, and there are too many of them used each day to go into the green cones. Julie will discuss this option among staff at the office.

New Solar Powered Lights at Hilltop Park

Works Superintendent Adam Prouse provided the Committee with an update regarding the installation of the solar powered lights at Hilltop Park. He advised that they are working very well and are brighter than he thought they would be. It was discussed that the Salford Hall also has a light they want to replace at the park – they are also considering a solar powered one. Adam suggested that this is a good option for parks going forward.

Spring 2023 Inbound Recycling Audit

Works Superintendent Adam Prouse presented the Committee with the findings of the first recycling audit in 2023. The contamination rate was down to 0.7%, this is a very good news story for the Township. The Township's collector is doing an excellent job making sure that materials that are collected are not contaminated. Adam has

requested information from the County regarding the private sector contamination rate as well. David will follow up on this.

BPS Reporting – 2021

The energy consumption data will need to be entered into the old reporting system as well to generate the comparable data over the last few years. Julie will discuss this with Nicole to bring forward comparison data in August.

Standing Items

None.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 3 Moved by: Adam Prouse
 Seconded by: Valerie Durston

RESOLVED that there being no further business, the Environment and Energy Innovation Committee adjourn at 6:05 p.m. to meet again on August 9th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried