

The Environmental Action Committee

4:30 p.m. – Wednesday, June 14 , 2023

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Aniko Bzdyl, Pat Futino, Frank Fohr, Sheila DeLuca, Paisley Janvary-Pool, John Morocco, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Jennifer Baldinelli, Tina Overstrom, Pat Mascarin, John Anstruther, Carly Milani, Tom Mingle, Councilor Victor Pietrangelo, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Beth Angle (Staff), Leslie Laan, Victoria Freitas (Student), Arrah Patel (Student)

Regrets:

Paul Bongers, John Brucato, Councilor Mike Strange

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) *May 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Jennifer Baldinelli, second by Aniko Bzdyl that the minutes of the May 10, 2023 Environmental Action Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising

From the May 10, 2023 Committee Meeting

a) *Walker Quarry Tour*

The committee discussed their recent tour of the Walker Quarry. Other members who were not able to attend would to inquire if Walker could provide another tour of the facilities at a later date.

3. Events & Programs

a) *Mother Earth Day - Review*

The committee discussed options for next year's event, including shrinking the demonstrator lineup, adding musical acts, increasing the number of vendors, more food options and changing the location of the water truck. Councillor Pietrangelo indicated that Council approved to aid the event in 2023 with additional funds. Staff is also to investigate creating a virtual, publicly accessible map listing the locations of the trees that were given away to plant.

b) *Summer Trillium Awards - Overview*

The committee was notified by Staff that nominations are open and that applications are already coming through. Committee members were requested to join the sub-committee. Previous members have confirmed commitment with the addition of Aniko Bzdyl, and Jennifer Baldinelli.

c) *Fall Tree Planting Updates*

The committee was notified by Staff that there are two upcoming tree planting dates: TD Tree Days along the Laura Secord Commemorative Trail (Mewburn Park) on September 23rd and the Enbridge Tree Planting with MYAC and Westlane Horticulture students on October 6th at the Millenium Recreational Trail Canada 150 Pathway or along the MacBain Pathway (TBD).

4. New Business

a) *New EAC T-Shirts*

The committee discussed partnering with sponsors for the new t-shirts that are to be made, and reviewed t-shirt design options and print quotes from various local companies.

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, second by John Morocco that no sponsors are to be listed on the new committee t-shirts.

Motion Carried

b) *Community Garden Application – Links for Greener Learning – MacBain CC Application*

Committee members reviewed an application to construct a community garden at the MacBain CC as submitted by Links for Greener Learning.

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, second by Pat Futino that the Links for Greener Learning draw water for the proposed community garden from MacBain Community Centre's storm water pond.

Motion Carried

IT WAS MOVED BY John Anstruther, second by Jennifer Baldinelli that the application to construct a community garden at the MacBain Community Center as submitted by Links for Greener Learning be approved.

Motion Carried

c) *Tree Program Presentation*

Student Arrah Patel presented various tree planting incentive programs within local municipalities.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 4:30 pm, MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.