



City of Belleville Green Task Force Committee

Minutes of May 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Green Task Force Committee was held virtually on the above date.

Attendance

Members Present

Councillor C. Malette (Chair)
Councillor B. Sandison
Gary Magwood
Peter Whittle
Kevin Bazkur
Patrick Curran

Staff Present

Perry DeCola, General Manager Environmental Services
Becky MacWhirter, Environmental Coordinator
Sheila Alexander, Environmental Services

Absent

Victor Cooper with regrets

Special Guests: The Group of 3 representing the Five Counties Energy Waste Disposal Project Planning
Dr. Ray March, Dr. Gordon Powell Mr. Edgar McLellan

Order of Business

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malette at 10:00 am

2. Attendance

Please see above

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature Thereof

There was nothing for disclosure under Pecuniary Interests.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2021

Motion: K. Bazkur

Seconder: Councillor Sandison

“That the minutes of the meeting April 8, 2021 be accepted.”

-Carried-

5. Deputation

- 5.1.** The Group of 3 presentation on Five Counties Energy from Waste Planning Committee Study with Dr. Ray March, Dr. Gordon Powell and Mr. Edgar McLellan. Their PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at the link below. Discussion followed with the Committee. Committee members are welcome to forward any questions or concerns to Becky who will present to the Group of 3 for review and response. For background on the Durham York project please visit: www.durhamyorkwaste.ca.

Presentation link: <https://hastingscounty.civicweb.net/document/152225/Delegation%20-%20Energy%20From%20Waste.pdf?handle=89AEF50A6C174CDF930DDF47B8654651>

Motion: Councillor Sandison

Seconder: G. Magwood

“A motion to receive the deputation by The Group of 3”

-Carried-

6. Correspondence

- 6.1.** Becky shared correspondence from a resident regarding ATV's related to the use in and around the Moira River. City staff confirmed that the property in question is private land. Becky contacted Quinte Conservation and was advised they had no control over private properties.

Motion: G. Magwood

Seconder: P. Whittle

“That staff further consult with Quinte Conservation and Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance on the issue of ATV's and concerns involving the Moira River.”

-Carried-

Motion: P. Whittle

Seconder: G. Magwood

“That the correspondence be received”

-Carried-

7. Items for Discussion

7.1. Climate Emergency Declaration

Outcome of consultation with City staff was recommendation that resolution be accompanied by a staff report when brought to Council to provide context.

Motion: P. Whittle

Seconder: K. Bazkur

“That staff be directed to prepare a report for Council on this matter.”

-Carried-

7.2. Update on No Mow May

Staff will provide updates on items 7.2 and 7.4 in a written report to Committee members.

7.3. Update on Giveaway Day

Due to current COVID-19 protocols, the suggested date of May 22, 2021 is no longer considered appropriate. The event will be revisited in June to determine optimal date.

7.4. Update on LittaTrap Pilot Project

See Item 7.2: A combined update will be circulated to committee members by staff.

7.5. Backyard Hens

Councillor Sandison reported he continues to receive inquiries from Ward 2 residents on this issue. He discussed it with Stephen Ashton, Director of Engineering & Development Services, who advised that the new zoning by-law will include a provision for backyard hens when it comes to Council this fall. Draft provisions were circulated with the Agenda.

Motion: Councillor Sandison

Seconder: P. Whittle

“That the report on Backyard Hens be received”

-Carried-

7.6. Rain Barrels

Becky provided a report stating that the cost of rain barrels has risen from \$55 to \$90 and due to lack of storage space, they only purchase 30 at a time. This means extra shipping and handling costs when buying in smaller quantities. Quinte Conservation is conducting workshops on rain barrels and several area merchants carry these products. Committee was asked if the City should discontinue selling rain barrels due to these factors.

Motion: G. Magwood

Seconder: P. Whittle

“That the City discontinues the sale of rain barrels and notifies the public of change in service.”

-Carried-

8. New Business

Becky reported that Quinte Conservation would like to showcase innovative storm water practices used in the construction of local facilities. She asked if members had contacts at the Quinte Courthouse or Shorelines Casino. She was referred to City Clerk M. MacDonald.

9. Next Meeting Date

A list of future meeting dates was circulated. The next meeting is **Thursday, June 10th at 10:00 am**. Additional dates include July 8, August 12, Sept 9, October 14, November 4 or 18th and Dec 9. A calendar request will be circulated to members with future meeting dates.

10. Adjournment:

Motion: P. Whittle

Seconder: Councillor Sandison

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 am”

-Carried-