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**ATTENDING**

Councillor Mercedes Brian, Director Public Works & Parks Kevin Kerr, Acadia University Sustainability Coordinator Jodie Noiles, ASU George Philp, Janet Eaton, Director of Community Development Chrystal Fuller and Recording Secretary Karen Outerleys

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

Bill Zimmerman, Hayden McKee-Godry, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin Grace Hamilton-Burge

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Councillor Brian, called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED**

**CARRIED**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10, 2017**

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2017 MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED**

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, JULY 10, 2017:**

**a. Cittaslow Designation – Community Group Presentation/Update**

- Staff updated the Environmental Sustainability Committee as to how Wolfville became designated as a Cittaslow Community.
- Cittaslow needs to be a community based initiative.
- Committee members suggested contacting the Slow Food Youth Network, that they maybe interested in assisting getting Cittaslow up and running.
- It is important to state the principal for the Town with regards to it being a Cittaslow Community.

**b. Committee Workplan:**

**i. Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program**

- Solar Electricity for Community Buildings is currently not part of the Town of Wolfville's Action Plan.
- If solar was a viable option the Town could exploration the possibility of installing solar panels on some of the Municipal buildings.

**ii. Solar Wolfville**

- Proposed that another municipal unit be given the opportunity to give a presentation on their experience providing homeowners with municipal financing for solar hot water, solar electricity, or efficiency upgrades as it has been done in Halifax



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**iii. Plastics – Joint Educational Program (Town of Wolfville / VWRM)**

- The Committee continues to see this program as a Regional initiative,
- Valley Waste Management have been contacted about assisting Acadia University and the Town in developing an educational program
- In future, options include an outright ban on single-use plastic bags or a cost applied to the use of each bag
- With the discovery of nano-fibers being found in water supplies. The question was asked how the Wolfville Water Utility checks for these fibers.

**iv. Ecology Action Centre Workshop – Sea Level Rising, Janet Eaton**

- As there are a number of resources that have data classifying the vulnerability of the Town such as the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan which includes the vulnerability of all Municipal units, along with mapping completed by Nova Scotia Environment of flood areas, therefore the Town would not submit a proposal to the Municipal Climate Innovation Program.
- In early 2018 the Ecology Action Centre is holding workshops that Committee members can attend covering Vulnerability Assessment & Asset Identification workshops as well as a Sea Level Rising Action Plan Workshop.

**4. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

- Acadia University Sustainability Coordinator Jodie Noiles thanked the Town of Wolfville for their support of the Acadia Community Farm.
- As part of the Community Farm initiative, food items are donated to the food bank and this is one area the Community Farm would like to expand.
- Jodie also noted this year is the Town's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary designated as a "Free Trade Community" and wondered if the Town was going to celebrate it's 10<sup>th</sup> year.
- It was also noted that Fairtrade Month in Canada is May 2019.

**5. QUESTION PERIOD**

- It was suggested that a presentation from another Municipal unit currently involved with the Solar Municipal Program be part of November's agenda.
- Electric Car Charging stations for Wolfville? NS Power has announced they will be setting up 12 more charging stations in 2018, near 101 series highway, locations to be determined, possibly the Town could get involved in this trial.
- A review of the logistics of billing users for the electricity would have to be conducted, gas isn't given out for free.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee is Monday, November 6, 2017



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**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:49 AM**

**CARRIED**

**Approved at the November 6, 2017 Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting**

**As recorded by Karen Outerleys, AA Public Works**