



ATTENDING

Councillor Mercedes Brian, Director Public Works & Parks Kevin Kerr, Acadia University Sustainability Coordinator Jodie Noiles, ASU George Philip, Bill Zimmerman, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, and Recording Secretary Karen Outerleys.

ALSO ATTENDING:

Director of Planning Devin Lake, Jeremy Banks Community Planner, Samantha Peverill, Lead for Nova Scotia Services at QUEST

ABSENT

Hayden McKee-Godry
Janet Eaton

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Brian, called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

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 JANUARY 15, 2018

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2018 MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, January 15, 2018:

• **Plastic Bag Update:**

- Valley Waste Management correspondence
- Waste Reduction Education through Divert NS
- Transition Wolfville Area group to start up “Boomerang Bag” program

4. New Business:

a. Partners for Climate Protection Program - Presentation

- Samantha Peverill from QUEST presented an overview of the Partners for Climate Protection Program.
- PCP program is Partnership between FCM and ICLEI
- Membership means a commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions on a corporate or community scale.
- 5 Milestones in the PCP program
- “New” Milestone tool available to assist in updating emissions inventories as well as the PCP hub providing information.

- QUEST has other resources that can be useful, currently developing a score card /benchmarking tool, that helps communities measure their successes, similar to ACEEE scorecards.

b. Sustainable Communities Conference – Report

- Infrastructure and Communities Minister shared that Indigenous communities are working on more than 1,300 renewable energy projects across Canada
- Green Affordable Housing: Successes and Challenges highlighted a new multi-unit building with heating costs per unit of \$29 per year, upgraded and retrofits all applicable to Wolfville's housing stock
- Maintaining Facilities' Long-Term Environmental Performance
- FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards presentations on natural living soils filtration system, a free bus pass program for grades 9-12
- "Design Thinking" for Sustainability Challenges
- Tour of the "Maker Spaces" models fostering local entrepreneurs and business acceleration
- Sharing Economy like Uber, Airbnb, Tool Libraries, Car-shares, Musical Instrument Libraries, Food Sharing like "Eat With"

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Acadia in partnership with ASU holding an event March 28th 7-9pm Acadia event, screening "Smog of the Sea", dealing with micro plastics. Guest speaker Jennifer MacLachy, South Shore kayak guide raising awareness about waste in our oceans and Andrew Garrett with Valley Waste Resource Management. A Special Public Announcement regarding Acadia and the ASU will finish off the evening.
- There is 50% funding available through Enercan, Green Jobs Initiative for Youth, Acadia has hired an Environmental Engineer through this program. Town of Wolfville may want to explore this program to help fund town initiatives.
- A valid/current greenhouse gas emissions inventory will be more useful when developing the Town's planning documents.
- Additional funding opportunity for staff salary support grant through FCM, available Spring 2018
- Presentation, March 23rd, 2018 at 3pm, Council Chambers Leon de Vreede (Sustainability Planner, Town of Bridgewater) highlighting their successes.
- Put on a membership drive for community representative for this committee, to provide a better ratio of community members versus Town staff (possibly 4 community members)
- Suggested that a working group be created outside of the ESC committee.
- Airbnb's will be brought to council as part of the MPS, along with business licensing within the Town



- Car-share example of ways to improve the mobility of residents, also suggested that Car-share would be used as a student retention opportunity as it has been determined that Acadia can recruit students, but the retention is low. Students feel isolated.
- Guysborough encouraging government to lift the Fracking Moratorium. By lifting the moratorium, it would aid their effort to establish a couple of liquid natural gas transshipment facilities. Natural gas leaking at time of trucking and transferring the gas, adds to the greenhouse gasses in the environment. Suggested that the Town of Wolfville vote against the lifting of the moratorium.
- Green Funerals – committee member would like to know more about it. Karen McKendry with Green Burials Nova Scotia, a sub-group of Ecology Action Centre, will be contacted to come to speak to the committee. Tim Hergett a local resource is also interested in this topic.
- April 28th Dump and Run

6. ACTION ITEM

- Committee to request that current greenhouse gas emission inventory be updated.
- Staff will head the organizing of a ESC working group to meet outside of the regular meeting, a commitment of one day a week to either meet or work on items.
- A presentation on Green Funerals to be organized for the next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee is Monday, May 14, 2018

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 12:06 PM

CARRIED

Approved at the March 12, 2018 Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

As recorded by Karen Outerleys, AA Public Works