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**ATTENDING**

Director Public Works & Parks Kevin Kerr, Acadia University Sustainability Coordinator Jodie Noiles, ASU George Philp, Bill Zimmerman, Director of Planning Devin Lake, Hayden McKee-Godry, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, and Recording Secretary Karen Outerleys

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, Councillor Mercedes Brian

**ABSENT**

Janet Eaton

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Cantwell, called the meeting to order at 10:37 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED**

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017:**

**a. Plastics Joint Educational Program**

- Update on a recent Acadia student initiative in conjunction with Valley Waste during Sustainability Week, a highly visible “Bag Monster” was created with plastic shopping bags (500 bags per year per person) as a reminder of the impact plastic bag use has in the Region.
- It was noted that no other Municipalities have responded to the no plastic bag initiative, it will be addressed at the Kings County region at an upcoming meeting.

**b. Sea Level Rising**

- It was noted that Community Development Department is gathering materials for discussion to bring to the January ESC meeting on environmental constraint with a focus on flood risk and development related to flood risk.
- A Dalhousie studio class created a high-quality inventory for flood risk, that Community Development has used as a check with information already collected.
- Committee member noted that the most recent information available about projected sea level rise is likely to be a meter at the end of this century which is well above the Town dykes.
- The Acadia Mathematics Department is working on a project modeling the Bay of Fundy, it would be interesting to tap into their work and findings to date.
- Preservation of the railbed, provide addition flood barrier protection.



**c. 100% Renewable Energy Building Blocks Program -Devin Lake**

- Linking the review of the MPS and the Town's aspiration for Energy Planning.
- Benchmarking and target setups are necessary to move toward the town's goal for Sustainability.
- Move toward Wolfville being a leader in the area of renewable energy,
- Town registered as a Partners for Climate Protection Program, in 2006 an inventory of emissions was done in the Town with Acadia.
- FCM tracks the progress of the Partners for Climate Protection, milestones 1-5, Wolfville is currently sitting at Milestone 1.

**d. Nova Scotia Power Programs**

- Acadia has had several conversations with staff at NS Power
- NS Power interested in attending future ESC meetings to discuss; share results of an EV fleet conservation study, updates to EV Provincial fast charger project, new innovation programs for example, residential solar program and new funding opportunities.

**e. Committee Workplan**

- i. Richard Karsten of the Acadia Mathematics Department will be contacted to see if they are prepared to present their work to the Committee
- ii. Staff to bring more information back to the committee at the January meeting as to how to move forward.
- iii. Will Lang of Green Army Design has a keen interest to see Wolfville off the grid, would be a value asset to the ESC committee.
- iv. Dropbox to be setup for Committee members to access the 100% RE Building Blocks report, Devin's Power Point presentation and other relative documents to be reviewed before the January meeting.
- v. Nova Scotia Power representative presentation to be included in the January meeting

**4. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

- Issue of oil heat in the well head protection areas.
  - Take advantage and harness the expertise of Volunteers within the Town to provide support to staff.
  - Reviewing the milestone framework of the Partners for Climate Protection, Wolfville could advance to milestone 5 quicker than one would think with the various action plans that have been developed.
  - MPS to set a general direction for sustainability.
  - Acadia thanked the Mayor for his attendance at the ES student poster exhibit
  - Acadia was designated a Fair-Trade Campus, to go along with our Fair-Trade Town and Fair Trade Coffee Roaster.
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- Nova Scotia Power aggressively sourcing locations for the EV stations, still many questions as to how EV car owners are billed for the ability to charge, what is Nova Scotia Powers plan to service the units.
  - Dropbox to be setup for Committee members to access the 100% RE Building Blocks report, Devin’s Power Point presentation and other relative documents to be reviewed before the January meeting.

**5. QUESTION PERIOD**

- Does the clothing being sold at Cajun’s fall under the Fair-Trade guidelines?
- ASU are currently working on sustainability food and retail guidelines, some of those guidelines do include recommendation to Cajuns to consider more sustainable options for procuring their clothing.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee is Monday, January 15, 2018

**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**