



**A meeting of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee
was held on the above date at 4:00 p.m.
Kiwanis Community Centre, Conference Room – 111 Lakeside Drive, Stratford**

Present: Councillor Kerry McManus, Councillor Bonnie Henderson, Craig Merkley, Vanni Azzano, Lorraine Kuepfer, Dave Hanley, Marianne Hawley, Emily Chandler, Dave Mabee, Anna Stratton, Ethan Elliott

Staff Present: Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Absent: Angela Bossence

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor McManus called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

3.0 NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor McManus welcomed new members Anna Stratton, Dave Mabee and Emily Chandler to the committee. New and current members introduced themselves.

4.0 ELECTION OF 2018 E&E CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

Staff declared nominations for the 2018 Chair of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee Open. Lorraine Kuepfer nominated Councillor Kerry McManus. Staff asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were made.

Motion by Vanni Azzano, seconded by Emily Chandler to close nominations for the 2018 Energy & Environment Chair. Carried.

Councillor McManus indicated that she would allow her nomination to stand.

Motion by Marianne Hawley, seconded by Vanni Azzano to elect Councillor McManus as the 2018 Chair of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee. Carried.

Staff declared nominations for the 2018 Vice-Chair of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee Open.

Dave Hanley nominated Councillor Bonnie Henderson.
Marianne Hawley nominated Emily Chandler.

Staff asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were made.

Motion by Vanni Azzano, seconded by Marianne Hawley to close nominations for the 2018 Energy & Environment Advisory Committee Vice-Chair. Carried.

Councillor Henderson indicated that she would not allow her nomination to stand.
Emily Chandler indicated that she would allow her nomination to stand.

Motion by Lorraine Kuepfer, seconded by Councillor Henderson to elect Emily Chandler as the 2018 Vice-Chair of the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee. Carried.

5.0 ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES – December 14, 2017

Motion by Marianne Hawley, seconded by Councillor Henderson that the minutes dated December 14, 2017 are adopted as printed. Carried.

6.0 UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

Waste & Water

Emily Chandler updated the committee that the working group toured a residence on Birmingham that has replaced all their windows with extremely high efficiency windows. They are retrofitting the house to surpass standards set for homes.

They also met with a volunteer from the Alzheimer's Association to discuss details to further reduce waste at this year's Soups On event.

Councillor McManus updated the committee that the Diabetes Association has been approved for the textile diversion program. There is a bin now located at the landfill. The recycling calendar for 2018 is going out in the newspaper this week and will also include two dates for curbside textile recycling pick up.

Lorraine Kuepfer raised the issue of plastics not being permitted to be shipped and recycled elsewhere and what impact that may have locally. Councillor McManus will gather some further information and report back to the committee.

Transit & Climate

Councillor McManus stated that the new bike racks have been delivered and the Public Works department is storing them until they are installed downtown in the spring.

Ecological

Lorraine Kuepfer has registered and paid for E&E's booth at the Home Show. She was charged full price, however should have been charged the non-profit fee. Councillor McManus will contact Charlene Gordon. Councillor Henderson noted that the Communities in Bloom Committee would be interested in partnering with E&E for the shows. This would assist the committee with costs.

Motion by Dave Hanley, seconded by Lorraine Kuepfer that the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee spends up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 for rental fees, supplies, giveaways and miscellaneous expenses pertaining to the 2018 Home Show and Garden Show. Carried.

Dave Hanley reported that he and Craig Merkley attended a recent Parks Board meeting and Mr. Merkley made a presentation regarding crib wall work. The Parks Board was very supportive of a long term strategic plan for shore stabilization along the Avon River and receptive to a proposal of working on the south shore near Tom Patterson Island. The proposed area would span 90 meters.

Energy

Kate Simpson supplied Councillor McManus with some information regarding the water pollution control plant; the net zero initiative to optimize the control plants' infrastructure and increase its production of methane gas by adding source separated organics to produce renewal natural gas is being worked on. Some greenhouse gas program funding came through from the province in December and they are still seeking additional funding.

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Social Media Updates

Councillor McManus suggested promoting the upcoming Soups On event and E&E's support to bring your own spoon. She will contact Mike Beitz.

(b) Bee City Update

No new updates.

8.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

World Water Day – March 22, 2018

Oxford County Zero Waste Event – March/April 2018

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

(a) 2018 Projects & Priorities

Deferred to the February meeting. Members can decide at this meeting what working groups they would like to join or continue working on.

(b) Annual Review of Committee Terms of Reference

The committee reviewed the current Terms of Reference for E&E and has no additions or revisions at this time.

(c) iMatter – Ethan Elliott

Ethan Elliott explained to members that iMatter, which is mainly a youth-based initiative, has a resource that you can create a report card for your city to see how well they are doing with regards climate change. He inquired if E&E would be interested in participating and then presenting the results to Council. Councillor McManus noted that the city has a greenhouse report card from a few years ago and suggested having a look at it and comparing. Dave Hanley added that the UTRCA also has an environment report that might be helpful. The latest edition is almost complete; Craig Merkley and Vanni Azzano will bring it to share at E&E when it is available.

(d) UTRCA Grade 7/8 Green Program with St. Aloysius School –Vanni Azzano

Vanni Azzano updated the committee that the UTRCA has visited the students at school; the students did some testing of the Avon River, toured the water shed north of Shakespeare, toured the Romeo water supply plant and toured the water treatment plant. UTRCA met with the students in December to discuss some of their findings. The grade 8 student's highlighted garbage as their concern and the grade 7's highlighted oil, grease and pieces of towels at the water treatment plant. The students are currently working on issues surrounding all of the garbage and pollution that they saw. They will be meeting with the Kate Simpson, the city's Waste Reduction Coordinator to discuss their findings and how the city handles these issues. As the final step in the process, the students will create their own action plan to handle the issues they identified.

(e) ATAC Reps for 2018

E&E appoints two reps to attend monthly ATAC meetings. Kerry McManus asked if there were two members interested in the positions. Lorraine Kuepfer indicated that she would be interested in continuing her position on ATAC.

Motion by Emily Chandler, seconded by Marianne Hawley that the Energy & Environment Committee appoints Lorraine Kuepfer as an E&E representative on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for 2018. Carried.

The committee will discuss a second representative for ATAC at the February meeting.

10.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – February 8, 2018 – 4:00 p.m. - KCC

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vanni Azzano seconded by Emily Chandler that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Time: 5:10 p.m.