



**Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee -
Minutes
Friday, February 23, 2018**

Those in attendance were

Committee Members

A. Abbott, Chair
B. Allison
B. Beatty
J. Campbell
P. LeMoine

Staff

K. Kirton	Manager of Planning Services (Staff Liaison)
K. Orsan	GIS/Planning Technician (Staff Liaison)
S. Lucas	Director of Development Services
J. Montreuil	Deputy Clerk / Committee Coordinator

Council Representatives

S. Cairns
R. Jorgensen

Regrets

B. Wicks

I. Adoption of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Order of deputations was re-arranged to allow for the lifting of procedure to permit questions from Committee towards the Deputation on Spraying for Mosquitos: Update to Permethrin Re-Registration.

As a result, Committee agreed to extend the proceedings to allow for discussions on all circulated agenda items.

Moved by S. Cairns

Seconded by B. Allison

#A BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee meeting dated February 23, 2018 be approved as amended.

AND THAT procedure be lifted to permit matters related to the Deputation from Dr. Brew - Spraying for Mosquitos: Update to Permethrin Re-Registration.

AND FINALLY THAT the meeting be extended past 11:00 a.m. but no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon), if required.

CARRIED

II. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None noted.

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Minutes - Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee - January 28, 2018

Moved by P. LeMoine

Seconded by B. Beatty

#B BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee meeting dated January 28, 2018 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IV. Deputations

a) D. Doolittle / C. Hunter - Reusable Revolution - Progress Report

Committee received a presentation from Desarae Doolittle and Christina Hunter surrounding the progress of the Reusable Revolution program since their last deputation. They provided members with updates on their domains of concentration for 2018 including various campaign priorities relating to public education, engagement and networking.

The following support was being sought from Committee:

- assistance in obtaining the rules and regulations governing Health Unit Inspectors;
- opportunity to engage the public further within the District Waste Management Contract;
- financial support on a labelling campaign; and
- for the appointment of a point-person to bring questions forward regularly to Committee

Committee engaged in a discussion surrounding the Town's District Waste Management Contract, composting, invasive species, and the issues and impacts surrounding our local business recycling initiatives.

Judy Campbell was identified as the key contact on behalf of Committee and will report back as information is received/circulated.

ACTIONS:

- Councillor Cairns assist in setting-up a meeting between Reusable Revolution and the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit.
- Councillor Cairns to bring forward concerns on recycling labelling poster/signage to the District and report back to Committee.

b) K. Bruce, Parks & Trail Technician - Tree Program Update

Committee received an update on the Tree Planting projects within the Town of Gravenhurst from 2012 to present.

Committee requested and received information surrounding the Town's Memorial Tree Program.

c) Dr. C. Brew - Spraying for Mosquitos: Update to Permethrin Re-Registration to PMRA

Dr. Brew provided a comprehensive presentation on topics included within her public submission to the PMRA surrounding their draft re-registration document for Permethrin, a pesticide regulated under the Pest Control Products Act and administered by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Committee requested and received information surrounding PMRA's findings, alternative spraying compounds, and human health conditions/diseases that may be related to Permethrin.

Committee requested and received information and engaged in a discussion surrounding their mandate, non-jurisdiction for municipalities on pesticide bans, Council, media coverage, health factors requiring legal opinions, and the procedural process in bringing forward a recommendation that the information be brought forth to Council's attention.

Members of the public and Committee commended Dr. Brew for her presentation.

Moved by S. Cairns, seconded by J. Campbell **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee hereby receive the research provided by Dr. Brew surrounding the re-registration of Permethrin and its effects and recommend it be forwarded to Council for their information. **CARRIED**

d) J. Montreuil, Deputy Clerk - Subcommittee Orientation Presentation

Committee received a presentation from the Town of Gravenhurst Deputy Clerk surrounding Subcommittees of Council, specifically touching on:

- authority/governing legislation;
- responsibilities of the whole of Committee, individual members, Councillor Representative, Staff Liaison, and Committee Coordinator;
- conflict of interest; and
- meeting procedure.

V. Workplan Reports

a) 2018 GEAC Work Plan Reporting/Approval Process

Committee received information surrounding the procedural process by which Council approves its Subcommittee year-end Reports and Work Plans.

Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion surrounding their mandate in educating the general public on issues surrounding environmental awareness.

Committee requested and received information and clarification on the QEW presentation to Council, Subcommittee recommendations made in October surrounding the Work Plan, jurisdiction and enforceability of municipal service delivery.

Moved by P. LeMoine

Seconded by S. Cairns

#C BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee hereby recommend Council's approval of the 2018 Work Plan outline as attached.

CARRIED

b) Website Working Group Update

Committee received suggestions surrounding the purpose and the simplicity of the Committee's web content located on the Town Website.

Committee engaged in a discussion surrounding the separation of the meeting frequencies content from the resources. Further discussion ensued on which partnership links to promote under Resources, the need for enhanced social media, and the methodologies in which to convey the information.

Committee requested and received clarifications surrounding the Website Redesign Project and the recommended engagement of the Town's Communication Division.

ACTION: All members to send P. LeMoine their suggestions for partnership links for discussion at the next meeting for consideration.

c) Shoreline Protection Working Group Update

Committee received information surrounding the intent of the Workgroup being to obtain concerns from citizens and recommend action from Council to amend policy.

Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion surrounding engagement and awareness of member/public on local policies and formal complaint processes in place.

ACTION: Members to compile questions surrounding Shoreline Protection and bring them back for discussion/recommendation/action at the next meeting.

d) Invasive Species Working Group Update

Committee received information surrounding the goal and discussions surrounding programs in place to achieve greater public awareness and education on local policies surrounding Invasive Species.

Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion surrounding current policy, education and how it will bring forward recommendations if needed.

ACTION: Once local invasive species have been identified, the Committee will include same on the Committee's web content on the Town's Website.

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Follow-Up: Updated Subcommittee Terms of Reference

Committee received information that Council approved the recommended amendments at its February meeting.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator to update the Terms of Reference to the Committee's web content page.

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Friday, March 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers

Moved by S. Cairns, seconded by B. Allison, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

"Original Signed"

Chair

"Original Signed"

Committee Coordinator