

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

Kincardine Community Environment Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Members Present Amanda Saxton
 Councillor Dorne Fitzsimmons
 Richard Robson
 Katie Wilken

Members Absent Emma Paul

Staff Present Adam Weishar, Director of Infrastructure and Development
 Olivia Kempel, CAO Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary

Others: Doug McCallum

1. **Call to Order**

The Kincardine Community Environment Committee meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine was called to Order at 1:31pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, electronically.

1.1 **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

The Chair opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. **Additions/Deletions/Amendments to the Agenda**

None noted.

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None disclosed.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Resolution # 06/01/22 - 01

Moved by: Richard Robson

Seconded by: Amanda Saxton

THAT the Kincardine Community Environment Committee minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2022, be approved as presented.

Carried.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Committee Icon

The Committee discussed possible ideas and objects that would be incorporated into the Committee icon. The Committee proposed the incorporation of trees, water, and the rethink light bulb in the Committee icon.

5.2 Terms of Reference Update

The Committee reviewed the draft Terms of Reference provided by Staff. The Committee discussed the need for the information points under each mandate topic. The Committee members are to review and provide suggestions to Staff.

5.3 Tree Protection

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the current standing of the project. Staff assured the Committee that the project is moving forward and wants to support protecting the tree canopy within the Municipality and welcoming development to the area.

The Committee discussed the public's concern with the removal of a tree located at Tiny Tots Park. Staff indicated that the reason for removal is related to infrastructure. The Committee suggested the possibility of incorporating a more informative approach to the removal of trees by including a sign to be posted on trees that informs the public that the tree will be removed and the reason for removal.

5.4 Climate Change Action Plan

The Committee discussed the possibility of a Climate Change Action Plan for the Municipality of Kincardine. Staff advised that a report will be brought to Council that contains the Committee's previous recommendation regarding the Climate Change Action Plan and further guidance will be provided by Council on this subject.

6. New Business

6.1 Social Media Ideas and Planning

The Committee discussed possible social media ideas to be posted on the Municipality's social media platforms. The Committee to discuss more social media ideas at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the updating of the Environment page on the Municipality's website. Staff provided a first draft of the information and the Committee provided insight and suggestions for additional information to be included.

6.2 2022 Goals and Objectives

The Committee discussed the goal objectives for the remaining term of 2022. The Committee highlighted the need to focus on the Cigarette Butt Program, create a plan for the location of the next water bottle filling station, finalize the native tree listing, and create a tree planting plan for the Municipality by outlining locations and what species of trees to plant.

6.3 Grant Application Opportunities

Staff provided the Committee with an update on municipal procedures regarding grant applications. The Committee will discuss this in detail at the next Committee meeting.

6.4 Rodenticides within the Municipality

The Committee discussed the use of rodenticides within the Municipality. Committee members discussed the need versus ways to avoid using these products within the Municipality. An inventory of the pesticides used by the Municipality was requested to be developed, but the Committee did not find this feasible at this time.

6.5 Native Plants on Municipal Properties

The Committee discussed the possible use of native plants on municipal properties and the use of perennial plants versus annual plants. The Committee also discussed grass cutting practices within the Municipality and requested an inventory of parks and grass cutting to further research the possibility of naturalizing these locations rather than being mowed.

The Committee requested that an invitation be sent to the Director of Community Services, the Parks Supervisor, and the Horticulturist to get municipal input on this topic.

7. **Financial Report**

8. **Correspondence**

9. **Schedule of Meetings**

The next Kincardine Community Environment Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6th at 1:30pm.

10. **Adjournment**

Resolution # 06/01/22 - 02

Moved by: Amanda Saxton

Seconded by: Richard Robson

THAT the Kincardine Community Environment Committee adjourn at 3:37pm.

Carried.

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Chair Secretary