

KINCARDINE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2022

ADVISE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

2021/2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Recommended the creation of a Private Tree By-law
2. Recommended the creation of a Tree By-law for Municipal property

2022 GOALS AND STEPS

Goals

Educate, prioritize and encourage the use of native plant species within the community

Explore the possibility of a community compost program

Explore the possibility of eliminating rodenticide use on Municipal property

Explore the updating of special event requirements to reflect environmentally friendly practices

Explore the development of a Climate Change Action Plan

Develop a plan for dead ash tree removal and replanting strategy

Steps

1. Incorporate perennial native plants into Municipal gardens
2. Phase out the use of annuals
3. Public engagement

1. Evaluate the use of rodenticide on Municipal properties
2. Find alternatives that could eliminate use of rodenticides

1. Review special event application process and include requirements for limiting negative environmental impact

1. Compare plans from similar municipalities
2. Engage the public to gain information and insight on the plan

1. Recommend the hiring of an arborist
2. explore staff training
3. GIS mapping to provide location and information

ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY TO EDUCATE AND PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

2021/2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Tree plantings in conjunction with Kincardinities for the Trees
2. Information booth at the Monday Market in the Park to engage residents
3. Creation of a waste diversion video
4. Rain Barrel sales
5. Cigarette butt stop stations installed
6. Water bottle filling stations installed
7. Community clean up events
8. Community engagement event for the Emerald Ash Borer

2022 GOALS AND STEPS

Goals

Explore the purchasing of a water bottle filling station

Explore the expansion of the Butt Stop Program

Continue to support restoration of Riggin and Savage Parks

Explore the expansion of community food gardens

Steps

1. Determine if sufficient funding is available within the budget
2. Determine location of the station

1. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current locations and butt stop stations
2. Determine locations of new stations
3. Determine if sufficient funding is available within the budget
4. Purchase additional stations
5. Create public awareness on location of the stations

1. Participate in tree plantings
2. Lead coordination for waterings
3. Develop a plan for restoration of the natural meadows

1. Determine if sufficient interest is available for community food garden
2. Determine potential locations
3. Seek community partnerships
4. Apply for applicable funding, if available

CHAMPION LOCAL ACTION TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

2021/2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Development of a business sustainability survey
2. Development of a waste diversion survey

2022 GOALS AND STEPS

Goals

Creation of a native plant education program

Pursue grant opportunities to fund various initiatives

Create a sustainable business recognition policy

Steps

1. Collaborate with community gardeners and Municipal Staff
2. Determine if similar model to boardwalk gardens can be implemented elsewhere within the Municipality
3. Facilitate grouping of volunteer gardeners and summer students to provide education needed for native plant gardening (getting a presenter to provide this information? Scott?)

1. Research potential grants
2. Encourage staff to apply regularly for grants related to environmental projects?

1. Determine criteria for a “sustainable business”
2. Develop a policy that outlines criteria and provides procedures for recognition program

PROTECT NATURAL ASSETS AND RESOURCES

2021/2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Recommended a Municipal Tree By-law
2. Recommended a Private Tree By-law

2022 GOALS AND STEPS

Goals

Ensure that environmental impact is an integral part of all development and planning processes

Restore natural areas

Advocate for shoreline protection

Steps

1. Review current planning and development application requirements
 2. Recommend amendments or additions
 3. Review of Strategic Plan
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1. Research the current land that is cut by the Municipality
 2. Identify areas for restoration vs. mowing

5 YEAR GOAL SUMMARY

2022

- Explore the expansion of Cigarette Butt Station program
- Explore the purchase of a Water Bottle Filling Station within the Municipality
- Final the Native Species/ Plant/ Tree information and listing
- Explore the creation of a tree planting plan

2023

- Creation of a Sustainable Recognition Policy for the Municipality of Kincardine
- Expand Water Bottle Filling Stations to locations throughout the Municipality of Kincardine (ie. Downtown Kincardine, Tiverton, and Station Beach)
- Explore possible grant opportunities
- Support the incorporation of perennial native plants in Municipal gardens, phase out majority of annuals
- Continue to support the restoration of Riggan and Savage Parks
- Evaluate the use of rodenticides on Municipal properties, find alternatives that could eliminate use of rodenticides

2024

- Explore the possibility of a community compost program
- Review special event application process and include requirements for limiting negative environmental impact (e.g. compost and recycling receptacles, eliminate single use plastics where possible, etc.)
- Explore the opportunity to be designated as a “Blue Community”

2025

- Explore, develop, and implement a Climate Change Action Plan for the Municipality of Kincardine