

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

December 4, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Historic Blenheim Center (3610 Old Lee Hwy)

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to order and welcome**

Meeting called to order by Chair member Judy Fraser at 7:00 p.m.

Type	Name	Attendance
Member	Mark Chandler	Present
Member	Marian Carroll	Present
Member	Fiona Davies	Present
Member, Chair	Judy Fraser	Present
Member	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Member, Vice Chair	Alice Lippert	Present
Fairfax High School Liaison	Nina Ravel	Absent
Member	Toby Sorensen	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Guest	Ernie Bubb	Present
Guest	Elizabeth Park	Present
Guest	Kate Doyle Feingold	Present

**2. Consideration of the November 6, 2019 meeting minutes**

Michael moved to adopt the minutes, which was seconded by Alice and carried unanimously.

**3. Work session recap**

The ESC discussed the December 3<sup>rd</sup> work session meeting and the recommendations and comments made by the Mayor and City Council. Multiple Councilmembers had brought up that they would like the City to increase and improve communications with regards to environmental and sustainability topics.

**4. ESC document review**

The committee reviewed and revised the ESC resolution document. Tim moved the resolution as amended, which was seconded by Michael. The matter associated with potentially increasing the number of members was tabled for a later date.

## 5. Annual report

The ESC discussed the schedule for submitting their annual report. The committee agreed that starting in 2020, the committee will begin submitting their report on a fiscal year basis (with a submittal in July). The committee plans to submit their 2019 annual report in early 2020.

## 6. Priority planning

The committee discussed their top priorities as identified during the October ESC retreat.

- **Tree Management / Urban Forest / Open Spaces**
  1. Support and provide feedback to Urban Forestry Management Plan
  2. Review trail expansion and provide input from Forestry
  3. Review access map of unutilized land / parcels
  4. Get a Tree Commission up and running
- **Native Vegetation Management**
  1. Support creation of invasive species management plan
  2. Get native plants into development plans, onto City properties, schools, homes
  3. Pursue partnership opportunities
- **Energy Renewables and Conservation**
  1. Consider policies / codes to promote technology and innovations (for example, solar panels requirement, tankless water systems, green buildings)
  2. Lead energy conservation and energy use by way of the City setting the example (city facilities)
  3. Support use of County's PPA
  4. Gain better understanding of City's energy usage data.
    1. Invite Dominion to an upcoming meeting
- **Education and Outreach** on key issues (for example glass, carbon, water, recycling)

## 7. Chairperson's items

- ESC members have had technical issues with sharing documents. Staff will look into any potential issues or bugs that may be occurring with the ESC email distribution list.
- Judy has spoken with DEQ staff and they're assisting the committee with evaluating project plans for the George Snyder trail project.

## 8. Committee and student representative items

- Tim noted that residents have recommended adding a second composting center at Kutner Park.

## **9. City staff items**

- Operational study: Stefanie requested the committee to complete and submit the questionnaire provided to them for the operational study.
- Small Area Plans: The Small Area Plans consultant will provide their initial recommendations and conduct a series of meetings and workshops to help revise and refine those recommendations based on the variety of interests and priorities among City stakeholders. Meetings have been scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. Public comments**

Kate commented on the proposed Mathy Park development. She noted that trees are planned to be cut down and that the plan includes development in the RPA and floodplain. They have started an online petition to stop the development. She requested that the ESC review the application. She mentioned that it would be a good piece of land to purchase and preserve.

Ernie commented on the proposed Mathy Park development. He recommended that the City should purchase, preserve and protect the site. He recommended that the committee should review the application.

## **11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is January 15th, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

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