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Environment Committee

Minutes

October 23, 2020

10:04AM

Attendance

Stephanie Jaworski, Chair
Mike Madden
Angie Parker

Resource Members:

Ewen MacDonald – GM Infrastructure Services
Jennifer Brown Hawn- WSP
Kaylyn MacDonald- Deputy Clerk

1. Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed committee members and any members watching online.

2. Approval of Agenda

Item added to New Business:
5. c) Committee Vacancy

Moved to approve the agenda as amended: Angie Parker CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2020

Moved to approve as circulated: Mike Madden CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Committee Mandate

- i. Review Revised Mandate – The committee discussed the revisions proposed to the Committee mandate to be sent to Council for approval. The committee agreed to leave the title as the environment committee. The section advising that meetings are open to the public and when the agenda must be posted was struck out as the deputy Clerk explained that the Rules of Procedure for Council and all standing committees addresses these areas already. Any items not referenced in the committee's Terms default to the Rules of Procedure by-law.

ii. Finalize Draft –

Moved to forward the finalized draft terms for the committee to Council for approval:
Mike Madden CARRIED

- iii. Staff Report to Adopt Mandate By-Law – Ewen explained that a staff report would go to Council on the November 2nd agenda.

5. New Business

a) Cloth Diaper Subsidy

The committee discussed if a cloth diaper subsidy should be a priority and if it was known what type of subsidy was being requested. Ewen pointed out the concern of being viewed as subsidizing one form of waste diversion over another. The committee discussed focusing on looking at waste diversion overall as a more universal concern facing all municipal residents. Kaylyn will draft a response to the party who requested a subsidy. The committee discussed forwarding a letter to Council to raise the issue of having Council act to limit the number of bags being accepted from residents on a weekly basis from the current total of 8. Mike pointed out that the current commenting period that has opened for the proposed regulatory amendments for producer responsibility for recycling may make the discussion of encouraging waste diversion by reducing bag limits timely.

Move to have Stephanie draft a letter to Council requesting Council review the bag limit for South Glengarry residents: Angie Parker. CARRIED

b) Committee Participation in Energy Audit

Stephanie asked if there was interest from the committee in participating in the Township energy audit underway. Mike noted that the committee's involvement may complicate the process as the experts who've been contracted to undertake the review are likely working from experience. He noted he would be interested in an opportunity to review the draft report and perhaps provide comments to Council. Angie concurred that she would be interested in reviewing the draft report. Ewen provided a framework for the review being undertaken and the process to date.

c) Committee Vacancy

Long serving member Michael Schuler has had to step away from the committee. The committee thanked Mr. Schuler for his longstanding service and contribution to the committee. The committee will bring a request to Council to fill the vacancy with their report on the next Council agenda.

6. Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for December 11th. Ewen asked that committee members who wished to comment on the Blue Box Producer Responsibility initiative forward any comments to him before the November 16th Council meeting.

7. Adjournment 10:57

Next Meeting will tentatively be December 11th at 11:00am