

SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP Minutes of August 11 2022

Present: Ashton Romany, Leslie Nanibush, John Jordan, Tova Davidson, Jennifer Pfenning, Dean Peachey

Regrets: Bryan Bishop, Harold O'Kafka, Bruce Baechler

Time and Location: August 11, 2022 – 10:00am to 11:00am

The meeting was hosted/recorded on Zoom and posted to the Township's YouTube Channel.

1. **Welcome**
2. **Land Acknowledgement**
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

No disclosures were raised or identified.

4. **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

No amendments to previous minutes.

MOVED by: L. Nanibush

SECONDED by: J. Jordan

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5. **Business**

None

6. **New Business**

- a. **Sustainability Working Group Annual Report to Council**

A. Romany highlighted items that the committee provided feedback/was involved with to include in the annual report:

1. Designated Carpool Parking Spots
2. Earth Day – Community-Wide Cleanup with the Trails Committee and Rain Barrel Sale
3. HVAC Program at Admin Complex
4. Progression of the Mike Schout Wetlands Project

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5. Molok installations at various parks inclusion in the 2022 Capital Budget
6. Tree Canopy Policy inclusion in the 2022 Capital Budget
7. Inclusion of funding in the 2022 Operating Budget for dedicated staffing resources towards sustainability
8. Installation of EV Charging Stations
J. Jordan asked about monitoring data on these. A. Romany to include data in the annual report.
9. Green House Gas Emissions Tracking
J. Jordan asked if emissions by facility were included. A. Romany noted at the last meeting the breakdown was provided by facility.
J. Jordan asked when the committee might see the progress on GHG reduction goals. A. Romany indicated that overall GHG emissions are included in the annual report.
10. Zero Waste Month 2021

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Roundtable / Information Sharing

a. 2022 – 2023 Roadmap Planning

D. Peachey suggested that the committee use the September meeting to plan events and projects for the upcoming year. L. Nanibush agreed and reminded the group of Earth Week and Earth Day 2023. J. Pfenning reminded the group that of the new term of Council. It was noted that there would be opportunities to add to the roadmap throughout the year.

b. GHG Emissions/Environmental Impact and Zone Change/Development Applications

J. Pfenning asked the committee to consider a mechanism that includes greenhouse gas emissions/environmental impact on Zone Change and Development applications. She noted that these have significant impacts on the community and if it would be possible to consider the environmental impacts of the application.

T. Davidson responded that some municipalities have a section in their Council Reports that have staff consider the anticipated GHG impact of the subject. L. Nanibush asked how this may align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as staff currently have this in their report templates.

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J. Pfenning noted that she is unsure if the goals are being used to their greatest effect. T. Davidson noted that all the SDGs are meant to be considered in partnership with one another.

J. Jordan posed the question on what would incentivize developers to include this information.

T. Davidson mentioned that there is ongoing discussion on how to get green building standards in place and there is work to be done to ensure these are implemented in an integrated way.

T. Davidson noted she gathered that there is an appetite for something like this from the committee and further conversation is needed. The committee could potentially come up with an innovative way to bring this forward with out it being too difficult for staff.

T. Davidson indicated that if the committee would like to know more about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, SWR will be hosting an event on them on October 6th, 2022.

A. Romany noted that something to this degree will require more conversation and inclusion of other staff members and will put this on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss further.

c. Zero Waste Month

October is Zero Waste Month. J. Pfenning would like to get a head start on planning for this year.

L. Nanibush volunteered to help plan this year's Zero Waste Month and will be in touch with J. Pfenning and Wilmot's Communication team.

9. Adjournment

MOVED By: L. Nanibush

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