



Committee Report

Sustainability Advisory Committee Report

Meeting Date: September 11, 2019
Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Sustainability Advisory Committee Recommendations

NOTE: The following are recommendations from the Sustainability Advisory Committee to be considered for adoption by Council

C.1 [Review of Blue Communities Project Guide](#)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT, as recommended at the September 11, 2019 Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting, Council endorse the Town of The Town of The Blue Mountains as a recognized "Blue Community" by:

- I. Recognizing water and sanitation as human rights;
- II. Banning or phasing out the sale of bottled water in municipal facilities and at municipal events;
- III. Promoting publicly financed, owned, and operated water and wastewater services.

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 Deputations, if any

None

B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20 fifteen minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Sustainability Committee matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters.

None

B.3 Staff Reports, if any

B.3.1 Renewable Energy Regulations, PDS.19.100

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Sustainability Committee receive Staff Report PDS.19.100 Renewable Energy Regulations for information, Carried.

Moved by: Pamela Spence

Seconded by: Ken Mehi

THAT the Sustainability Committee appoint an ad hoc renewable energy working group comprised of Chair Rosemary Mesley, Julie Scarcella, James Stinson, and Sally Leppard to review renewable energy options and potential siting considerations, as outlined in report PDS.19.100, and follow-up with the Sustainability Committee at the October 9, 2019 meeting, Carried.

Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp and Manager of Community Planning Trevor Houghton left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

B.3.2 2020-2022 Budget, FAF.19.152

Moved by: Pamela Spence

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT the Sustainability Committee receive Staff Report FAF.19.152, entitled "2020 – 2022 Budget";

AND THAT the Sustainability Committee requests Co-Chairs Potter and Mehi to work with staff to develop a draft 2020, 2021, and 2022 Sustainability Committee budget for the Committee's consideration at the October 9, 2019 Committee meeting, Carried.

Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets Sam Dinsmore left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

B.3.3 Sustainability Initiatives Update, FAF.19.179

Moved by: Pamela Spence

Seconded by: Rosemary Mesley

THAT the Sustainability Committee receive Staff Report FAF.19.179, entitled “Sustainability Initiatives Update”;

AND THAT the Sustainability Committee endorse the use of 100,000 in gas tax funding for the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan project, Carried.

B.3.4 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (“ICSP”) Training and Process Workshop, FAF.19.186

Moved by: Pamela Spence

Seconded by: Sally Leppard

THAT the Sustainability Committee receive Staff Report FAF.19.186, entitled “Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (“ICSP”) Training and Process Workshop”;

AND THAT the Sustainability Committee direct that the ICSP Training and Process Workshop will be held in an Open Session of the Sustainability Committee, Carried.

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Review of Blue Communities Project Guide – Deputy Mayor Bartnicki and James Stinson

Note: Included for information is the Blue Communities Project Guide

Moved by: James Stinson

Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT the Sustainability Committee requests Council to endorse the Town of The Blue Mountains as a recognized “Blue Community” by:

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Pamela Spence commented that some developments in Town have municipal water to the property line, but beyond the property line, the development’s water infrastructure is considered a private system.

C.2 Grey County Report PDR-CW-37 Endorse the Partners for Climate Protection Program – Deputy Mayor Bartnicki

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted Grey County has recently endorsed the Partners for Climate Projection Program, and a framework will be shared with lower tier municipalities.

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Pamela Spence

THAT the Sustainability Committee receive Item C.2 Grey County Report PDR-CW-37 Endorse the Partners for Climate Protection Program for information purposes, Carried.

C.3 Work Planning Session Update – Ken Mehi, Julie Scarcella, and Sally Leppard (verbal)

Note: at the August 14, 2019 Sustainability Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:

THAT the Sustainability Committee directs Ken Mehi, Julie Scarcella, and Sally Leppard to develop a framework and schedule for an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (“ICSP”) Training and Process Workshop, Carried.

Ken Mehi noted an update regarding Item C.3 Work Planning Session Update will be provided at the October 9, 2019 Sustainability Committee meeting.

C.4 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – Jim Stinson

Note: Included for information is literature on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

James Stinson noted in 2015 the United Nations adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals intended to be applicable to all countries. James noted there is an ongoing effort to have the Sustainable Development Goals integrated into planning framework, which includes availability of grant opportunities. James noted he will incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals into the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (“ICSP”) Training and Process Workshop.

C.5 Consideration to Request Town Departments to Provide Updates on Existing Sustainability Initiatives – Rosemary Mesley (verbal)

This matter was deferred to the October 9, 2019 Sustainability Committee meeting.

C.6 Grey County Update – Deputy Mayor Bartnicki (verbal)

This matter was deferred to the October 9, 2019 Sustainability Committee meeting.

C.7 Sustainability Committee Meeting Schedule – Jim Stinson (verbal)

This matter was deferred to the October 9, 2019 Sustainability Committee meeting.

C.8 Tree Preservation By-law Update, Councillor Andrea Matrosovs and Tree Canopy Sub-Committee Members (verbal)

Moved by: Ken Mehi

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Sustainability Committee include Pamela Spence as a member to the Tree Canopy Sub-Committee which is currently comprised of Chair Councillor Matrosovs, Rosemary Mesley, and members of the public, Carried.

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Renewable Energy Working Group Update
- ICSP Process and Training Workshop

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

October 9, 2019

Town Hall, Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki

Seconded by: Ken Mehi

THAT the Sustainability Committee does now adjourn at 4:00 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.