



Brock Environmental Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, April 08, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present: Jennifer Cowan, Candace Ramshaw, Ildi Connor, Cria Pettingill

Absent: Eugenia Catroppa, Vice Chair, Penny Beaudrow

Staff Present: Debbie Vandenakker, Planner; Deena Hunt, Deputy Clerk (recording the minutes)

1. Call to Order

Chair Cowan called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Ildi Connor, that the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting be approved.

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4. Hearing of Deputations

None

5. General Items

1) Debbie Vandenakker, Planner – Overview of the Official Plan (OP) Review Process

The Planner provided a slideshow with respect to the municipal comprehensive review of Brock's OP noting that a couple of Brock's advisory committees could provide value-added input toward the review. She advised that the OP is a guiding document for growth in the municipality which was last reviewed in 2006. With significant growth anticipated in Brock over the next 10 to 15 years, the OP must comply with the Provincial Policy Statement, and other guiding documents including 'A Place to Grow: Growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe', and the 'Greenbelt Plan'. She explained the restrictions of the Greenbelt Plan for Brock noting that lands

outside of the towns and hamlets are protected for agricultural use and cannot be developed. She explained that various Acts (Municipal Act, Planning Act, etc.) help the municipality implement the Greenbelt Plan, and that Durham Region is the Planning Authority for the rural lands in Brock.

The Planner advised that the BEAC may wish to consider a long-term, big-thinking focus of the Official Plan Study process, as the study would be conducted in modules every 3 to 4 months and could benefit from the group's input. She noted that the group could focus their short-term efforts on projects that score high on the evaluation matrix that she developed for the Climate Change Actions report (which could be modified to suit their needs) but the purpose is to narrow the scope of Committee's actions.

The Planner advised that developing long-term objectives and short-term actions creates excellent momentum while still investigating the big picture questions and issues.

Chair Cowan supported the use of the matrix and suggested that the committee work on projects that can happen.

Councillor Pettingill supported the matrix as well and suggested that the committee review the high scoring items, report to Council, and then proceed with implementation.

Chair Cowan enquired whether the harbour committee plans would be reviewed by this committee and was advised in the affirmative and that both committees initiatives would be integrated.

There was general discussion with respect to the matrix and items that could be considered by the committee for action.

Councillor Pettingill and Ms. Connor expressed an interest in planting native trees. Ms. Connor noted that this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Beaverton Horticultural Society and the organization is hoping to plant trees to commemorate the event.

The Planner enquired if the committee would agree to completing some small projects and look at the larger envisioning plan and was advised in the affirmative.

The Planner advised that Let's Talk Brock forum could be the tool to gather committee's top priorities thereby focussing any future discussions. She noted that it would be available only to committee members for input.

Councillor Pettingill recommended that the items listed by Council for committee's consideration should be reviewed to which the Planner agreed noting that the top 5 committee priorities could be addressed after that. Ms. Ramshaw agreed noting that the next committee could follow up on long term ideas.

Chair Cowan recommended that the committee visit the online forum, review the matrix, and compile their priorities before the next meeting. She noted that members could forward their comments to her as she would create a spreadsheet.

2) Documents for Review

- a. Debbie Vandenaeker, Planner – Report: 2020-BPE-05, Feasibility of suggestions from deputation by Brock Citizens call for Climate Change Action FRIDAYSforFUTURE (communication number 1133/20)

See previous discussion.

- b. Sarah Beauregard-Jones, By-law Enforcement Supervisor – Report: 2019-COW-36, Draft Traffic Control (Parking) By-Law

Chair Cowan supported the inclusion of no idling within the bylaw. Ms. Connor concurred and suggested public education on the costs of idling to which Chair Cowan suggested media awareness and signage. There was discussion with respect to the 1 minute for idling, identifying areas in the Township where idling most often occurs, and possible slogans for signage. The committee agreed that they approved the Traffic Control Bylaw as presented in the report and that they would task themselves with creating a list of the best places for signage and suggestions for positive reinforcement messaging to increase public awareness.

- c. Committee Schedule – revised start time to be 5:00 p.m. going forward

3) Workplan formation

The Planner advised that the workplan would be addressed with the online forum. Chair Cowan advised that she would share the spreadsheet.

4) Next Steps

As noted above.

6. Other Items & Inquiries

1) New Business

The Planner advised that the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) is hosting a series of climate change webinars and that she had emailed the links to committee.

Councillor Pettingill enquired with respect to funds from subdivision developers to which the Planner advised that the figure is unknown, but upwards of \$300,000. The Planner noted that the funds are intended to be re-invested into restoration projects within the municipality through the LSRCA and that talks are on-going about the possibilities.

2) Next Meeting Date – June 10, 2021

7. Adjournment

Moved by Ildi Connor that committee adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

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