



**The Corporation of the Town of Saugeen Shores
Environmental Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, August 29, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Rotary Hall, The Plex
600 Tomlinson Drive, Box 820
Port Elgin, Ontario**

Present: Cheryl Grace
Bud Halpin
Cathe McIntosh
Dan Dychuck
Odette Bartnicki

Members Absent: Brent Proud
Victoria Sandre

Staff Members: Dawn Mittelholtz, Clerk
Mark Paoli

1. Call To Order

Chair C. Grace called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair C. Grace read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature

No pecuniary interests were declared.

4. Additions, Deletions, or Amendments

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: D. Dychuck

Seconded by: O. Bartnicki

That the Environmental Ad Hoc Committee approve the minutes of June 27, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Report of Municipal Officers/Committees

7. New Business

7.1 Urban Tree Conservation By-law Discussion Summary - C. Grace

Director M. Paoli provided an overview of the direction provided to staff and what the next steps are for staff and Council. Discussion is paused until the Urban Tree Canopy Plan is further along. It is anticipated to be brought to this Committee in September to provide further information. The discussion from this Committee will help inform the Plan. The draft Plan will allow for a placeholder amount in the Business Plan for consideration.

Chair C. Grace provided a brief overview of the Business Plan process and reiterated the inclusion of her notes from the Council Meeting in the Agenda and how facts were denoted as opposed to opinions.

It was suggested to provide Council with the benefits of trees and a tree canopy.

The City of Kitchener Tree By-laws were referenced as examples.

7.2 Annual Tree Sale Suggestions

The Committee heard an overview from Councillor B. Halpin regarding suggestions for the Annual Tree Sale. It was suggested to receive an update from staff regarding the 2024 Tree Sale, to receive more information about the tree sale, before providing recommendations.

Moved by: B. Halpin

Seconded by: C. McIntosh

That the Committee defer the Annual Tree Sale recommendations to the next meeting.

CARRIED

7.3 Final Report Discussion

7.3.1 Sub-Committee Report Deadlines

Sub-Committee reports are being finalized and will be brought to the September 26, 2024 meeting for discussion.

7.3.2 Next Steps

The Committee heard an update from Chair C. Grace regarding the next steps for the Committee. Sub-committees were tasked with bringing their recommendations to the September 26 Committee meeting. Further, Committee members were encouraged to bring ideas to the next meeting on what the final report could look like.

8. Unfinished Business

9. Communications for the Committee

9.1 New York Times - My Property, My Trees': New Tree-Cutting Law Divides N.Y. Town Article

9.2 City of St. Catherines - Green Roads Pilot Project Resolution

It was suggested to monitor what neighbouring municipalities experiences are with this project.

A newsletter for Grey County was suggested for consideration at a future meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Community Centre (The Plex) Rotary Hall.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: C. McIntosh

Seconded by: D. Dychuck

That this Environmental Ad Hoc Committee meeting of August 29, 2024, hereby adjourns at 7:14 pm.

CARRIED