



**The Corporation of the Township of  
Guelph/Eramosa**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**  
**M I N U T E S**

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Thursday, January 21, 2010  
6:30 p.m.  
Guelph/Eramosa Municipal Office

Present: Mayor Chris White, Councillor John Scott

Citizen Members Present: Libby Little, Barb Marshall, Mike Nagy and Ruth Robinson

Absent: Cameron MacLean

Staff: Deputy Clerk, Julie Forth

1. Call to Order

Julie Forth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Appointment of Chair for 2010

Nominations were opened from the floor. Mike Nagy nominated Cameron MacLean. Councillor Scott nominated Barb Marshall. Barb Marshall refused the nomination. Councillor Scott nominated Ruth Robinson. Ruth Robinson refused the nomination.

Moved by: Mike Nagy

Seconded by: Libby Little

That Cameron MacLean is appointed as Chair for the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee for the year 2010.

Carried Unanimously

The Committee selected Barb Marshall as Acting Chair for tonight's meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Mike Nagy

Seconded by: Ruth Robinson

That the Agenda for the January 21, 2010 Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting be approved as amended to include discussion for Carbon Footprint and the Ontario Government's proposal for renewable energy project.

Carried Unanimously

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

5. Announcements/Presentations

5.1 Ruth Robinson advised the Committee that the annual Organic Conference at the University of Guelph will be taking place this weekend. Mike Nagy added that there will be an organic food fair at the Conference which is free to attend.

5.2 Councillor John Scott advised the Committee that the Green Legacy Tree Giveaway will take place again this year at Marden and Rockmosa on May 1, 2010.

5.3 Ruth Robinson announced that the Wellington County Stewardship Council plans to have guest speakers at each of their meetings this year which are open for public attendance.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: John Scott  
Seconded by: Chris White

That the minutes of the Regular Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting held on November 19, 2009 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

7. Delegations

None

8. Regular Business Continued

8.1 Memo from Clerk, Meaghen Reid regarding Bottled Water

The Committee reviewed the Memo from Meaghen Reid regarding Bottled Water for information.

8.2 Memo from Clerk, Meaghen Reid regarding Lighting and Development/Building Standards

The Committee reviewed the Memo from Meaghen Reid regarding Lighting and Development/Building Standards for information. Mike Nagy noted that

he would like the Committee to see a draft of the Development/Building Standards prior to final approval. Councillor Scott suggested that a draft would be available around March, 2010.

### 8.3 Time to Meet Managers

The Committee agreed to change the start time of their meeting in March to 4:00 p.m. to invite the Managers to meet with the Committee. The Committee noted they would consider discussion items at the meeting in February.

### 8.4 Tree Cover Project – Update from Libby and Mike

Libby Little presented an update to the Committee regarding information she and Mike Nagy have received on achieving the Township's goal of 30% tree cover. She further advised the Committee that the next steps would be for Mike and her to work with Tracey Ryan and Martin Newman from the Grand River Conservation Authority to set up workshops in the community to create awareness and educate the public on steps which can be taken to achieve this goal.

Moved by: John Scott  
Seconded by: Ruth Robinson

Be it resolved that the Environmental Stewardship Committee accept the report for information regarding the Township's goal for tree cover.

Carried Unanimously

Libby further suggested to the Committee that they make a request to Township Council to support a sponsorship of one acre of new trees through the Guelph Rotary Forest Project each year.

Moved by: Libby Little  
Seconded by: Mike Nagy

Be it resolved that the Environmental Stewardship Committee request Council to support a sponsorship of one acre of new trees with the Guelph Rotary Forest in the amount of \$2,000.00 each year.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Chris White left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

8.5 Evergreen OMNR – Community Workshops 2009 – Update from Mike

Mike Nagy advised the Committee that he has nothing to report at this time as he has not received a callback. He will follow up for the next meeting.

8.6 Robertson Industrial Subdivision

Councillor Scott advised the Committee that the Public Meeting for this matter will take place on February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office. He encouraged the Committee to attend to receive further information regarding the proposal and noted that they may have the opportunity to make a written submission before or after the public meeting.

Barb Marshall noted her concerns regarding the development of the agricultural lands and the waterway adjacent to the property. The Committee was in support of attending the public meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

8.7 2010 OFA Conference

Moved by: John Scott  
Seconded by: Ruth Robinson

Be it resolved that the Environmental Stewardship Committee approves the attendance of two members of the Committee at the Ontario Forestry Association's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Friday, February 5, 2010.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor John Scott left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

8.8 Carbon Footprint

Libby Little presented the data for the Township's 2007 and 2008 Carbon Footprint. She highlighted the information which shows an increase in electricity, gas/diesel and natural gas use. Libby further advised the Committee that a 10% reduction in carbon footprint is encouraged for all individuals and suggested that this information be reported quarterly to try to monitor the data more effectively.

Ruth Robinson noted that consideration should be given to growth and new buildings.

Libby Little made a request that Township staff prepare the data quarterly. Mike Nagy suggested that the information should be shared on the Township's website.

Moved by: Ruth Robinson  
Seconded by: Libby Little

Be it resolved that the Environmental Stewardship Committee present 2007 and 2008 Carbon Footprint data to Council for information; and

That the carbon footprint data be prepared and presented to Council quarterly.

Carried Unanimously

8.9 Ontario Wind Energy Project

The Committee briefly discussed the Wind Energy Project being undertaken by the Ontario Government for information.

9. Closed Session

None

10. Next meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.