REGULAR MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY INNOVATION COMMITTEE Wednesday, April 5, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.

Township of South-West Oxford Council Chambers

- Present: Chair Jim Pickard via Zoom; Mayor David Mayberry; Councillor Valerie Durston; Works Superintendent Adam Prouse; Cathy Reeves (community representative) and George Klosler (community representative) – via Zoom,
- Regrets: Clerk Julie Middleton and Chief Building Official Howard Leaver
- Staff: Clerk's Assistant Nicole Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Jim Pickard called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Motion to Accept the Agenda

Resolution No. 1 <u>Minutes</u> Resolution No. 2	Moved by: David Mayberry Seconded by: Cathy Reeves
	RESOLVED that the agenda for the meeting of the April 5 th , 2023 Environment and Energy Innovation Committee be approved.
	DISPOSITON: Motion Carried
	Moved by: Valerie Durston Seconded by: Adam Prouse
	RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 8 th , 2023 meeting Environment and Energy Innovation Committee meeting be reviewed and approved.
	DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

Cathy Reeves inquired if the Committee needs to provide more information as to why funding for the Dereham Centre Hall was declined. Jim Pickard will inquire with Peter Ypma (Ward 2 Councillor) who is on the hall board.

4:35 p.m. – George Klosler entered via Zoom

Business Arising from the Minutes

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Mount Elgin Hall Ceiling Insulation

At the previous meeting, Howard Leaver was asked to bring forward a third quote for insulation, and a cost to replace the ceiling tiles with new tiles. As this quote has not yet been received, this will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Commercial Dishwasher at the Dereham Centre Hall

The Committee discussed the request for funding for an industrial dishwasher by the Dereham Centre Hall board. Jim noted the cost is between \$4,000 and \$6,000. This request was referred to the Zero Waste Committee but due to lack of quorum, that Committee has not been able to meet to consider this request. The Environment and Energy Innovation Committee discussed the potential of authorizing grant funding of \$1,000 per energy conservation project at their discretion. Cathy inquired about the specifics of the proposed dishwasher and if it was natural gas or electric powered as they do not want to generate greenhouse gases.

Resolution No. 3 Moved by: David Mayberry Seconded by: Valerie Durston

RESOLVED that the Engage and Inform Committee will authorize \$1,000 in energy grant funding for an industrial **electric** dishwasher for the Dereham Centre Hall.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

Beachville Fire Station Hydro Usage

The Beachville Fire Station hydro bill for March 2023 was reviewed, as well as other bills which were created due to a billing correction. David noted that ERTH moved to 12, 30-day billing cycles, but there are 365 days in a year. Customers ended up overpaying and it was caught after two to three years. David will follow up regarding net metering, as the credits of 60 kw/h do not seem like enough (only 2 kw/h per day). The building should be producing 1/3 of the power they are consuming. Committee members expressed concern for the continuing issues – this will be added to the next meeting agenda as the Committee continues to monitor this usage.

Township Electrical Audit

The Committee discussed the building maintenance budget figures provided. It was noted that the GL for the Public Works Shop Building Maintenance should be the code for "Contracted Out". Cathy noted that the reason this Committee was inquiring about this was to determine if there were funds in the budget for the audit, and the costs of

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any associated work due to issues discovered. Jim noted that the Committee approved \$2,500 from Climate Change Reserves for energy efficient upgrades as a result of the Township's electrical audit. These funds are for the repairs, not for the audit itself.

The Committee directed Howard to audit the Mount Elgin Fire Station next and to provide the total cost of the audit (excluding repairs) so far. Nicole Chambers will follow up with Howard. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Tree Planting

David noted that the Township must plant a minimum of 10,000 trees to receive grant funding. Cathy submitted some links for consideration regarding tree planting projects. The Committee inquired about the landlocked parcel in Beachville which Howard noted previously would be suitable for a tree planting project – Nicole will follow up with him regarding this.

Adam noted that the Works Department ordered 200 trees this spring – a mix of sugar maple and oak. These will be planted roadside on Ebenezer Road, Mount Elgin Road, Culloden (the Township side) and Duffy – he has a map if anyone would like to see it. Jim inquired if every tree has a home, to which Adam replied that they may have a few extra if someone has a spot for some. Jim requested that in the future before ordering, staff should ask the hall and park boards if they have any needs. Valerie inquired if there will be any trees planted at Hilltop Park, to which Adam replied that there will be some planted in phase 4 this spring by the developer. Adam added that he may be able to accommodate other locations if any tree requests can be brought to him by tomorrow. Cathy inquired if the Township does any tree planting in the fall to which Adam replied, historically no.

Question Re: George Klosler's Blog Post

The Committee inquired about the blog created by George Klosler and his wife and if it had been circulated to residents? Nicole noted it was posted in the SWOX Talks Newsletter, social media and on our website.

Correspondence

None.

Discussion Items None.

New Business None.

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Standing Items

None.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 4 Moved by: George Klosler Seconded by: Adam Prouse

RESOLVED that there being no further business, the Environment and Energy Innovation Committee adjourn at 5:10 p.m. to meet again on May 3rd, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried