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

Township of South-West Oxford <u>Council Chambers</u>

Present:	Chair Jim Pickard; Mayor David Mayberry; Councillor Valerie Durston; Cathy Reeves (community representative); David Schell (community representative);
Regrets:	George Klosler (community representative)
Staff:	Works Superintendent Adam Prouse, Chief Building Official Howard Leaver and Clerk Julie Middleton
Guests:	None

Call to Order

Chair Jim Pickard called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Motion to Accept the Agenda

Resolution No. 1	Moved by David Mayberry
	Seconded by Howard Leaver
	RESOLVED that the agenda for the meeting of the October 4 th , 2023 Environment and Energy Innovation Committee be approved, as amended.
Minutes	DISPOSITON: Motion Carried
Resolution No. 2	Moved by Valerie Durston
	Seconded by David Schell
	RESOLVED that the minutes of the September 6 th , 2023 meeting Environment and Energy Innovation Committee meeting be reviewed and approved, as amended (reference to the fans in the Mount Elgin Hall ceiling).
	DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Mount Elgin Fire Hall – LED Lighting

CBO Howard Leaver advised that this work has been completed.

Mount Elgin Hall Ceiling Insultation

CBO Howard Leaver advised that this project is scheduled to be completed by the end of November, 2023.

Energy Audit – Beachville Fire Hall Consumption

The Committee reviewed the Beachville Fire Hall hydro consumption and requested to be provided with information in relation to hydro consumption at the municipal office, Dereham Centre shop, Brownsville Community Centre and Mount Elgin Community Centre.

2024 Budget

The Committee discussed their proposed budget for 2024. Discussion took place regarding ceiling fans for the Dereham Public Works Shop; however, it was noted that details of the potential return on investment are not clear. Each fan is approximately \$7,250. It may save heating costs (natural gas) but will increase hydro consumption.

The Committee discussed the possible purchase of electric pick-up truck in the future to add to the Township's electric vehicle fleet.

CBO Howard Leaver is going to look into the possibility and cost of an air source heat pump at the municipal office and LED lighting.

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

> RESOLVED that the Environment and Energy Innovation Committee recommend the following 2024 budget to Council in support of Township environment and energy efficiency initiatives:

\$1,250 - Building Maintenance (Electrical Audit of remainder of Township Halls: Brownsville, Dereham Centre, Salford, Foldens & Municipal Office at \$250 each)
\$25,000 - Transfer to Climate Change Reserves (for future projects to be determined)
\$3,000 - Grants
\$300 - Memberships \$70 - Salford Electricity
\$1,500 - Solar Panels (to Salford Hall)
\$152 - Salford Insurance
\$7,478 - Long Term Debt (Beachville Solar Panels)
\$3,000 - Zero Waste Initiatives (Waste Management Reserve)
\$41,750 - TOTAL

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

New Business

The Committee requested that "2024 Brainstorming – projects and priorities" be added to the next agenda. A few items were briefly discussed, as follows:

- Purchase of electric pick-up truck;
- Promotion of the Committee's energy efficiency grants;
- Municipal Office Air source heat pump, LED lighting;
- Tree Planting;
- Expansion of film plastic waste pick up locations in the Township (i.e. municipal office and Tommy Williams Park); and
- Recycling pick-up for Red Dragon Dairy and Tillsonburg Airport.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 4 Moved by Howard Leaver Seconded by Adam Prouse

> RESOLVED that there being no further business, the Environment and Energy Innovation Committee adjourn at 5:46 p.m. to meet again on November 8th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried