

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Council Report

Report Number PLAN2019-038

Date: July 16, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: All

Title: Environmental Advisory Committee 2019 Work Plan

Description: Environmental Advisory Committee 2018 Review and 2019 Proposed Work Plan

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Recommendations:

That Report PLAN2019-038, **Environmental Advisory Committee 2019 Work Plan**, be received;

That the 2019 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan as outlined in Appendix B to Report PLAN2019-038 be approved; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

This report summarizes the work undertaken in 2018 and proposes a work plan for 2019 as per Policy number 028 CAO 002 – Non-legislated Committees of Council.

Rationale:

During the 2018 calendar year, the Environmental Advisory Committee completed the following goals from their 2018 Work Plan.

1. The Youth Environmental Hero Award process was completely revised to create three award categories: Kindergarten to Grade 3, Grades 4 to 8, and Grades 9 to 12. Sponsors for this year's awards included Boston Pizza, who donated pizzas and Pineneedle Farms who donated tree seedlings. Committee members promoted the event, which resulted in three nominations and awards presentations in Lindsay and Dunsford.
2. The Bee City subcommittee continued work on promoting pollinator habitat and raising awareness on the issues within area schools. Promotional events were also held at various community events and during Pollinator Week. Fruit trees were also planted Orchard Park and a Pollinator pathway was created.
3. Work was commenced on developing a tree preservation by-law. Members created a database of research based on by-laws that other communities in Ontario had approved. The Planning Department's summer student also prepared a draft report and this research is currently being used to finalize a tree preservation by-law for public consideration in the Fall of 2019.
4. EAC Chair Pat Warren sat on the Healthy Environment Plan Working Group and Steering Committee to provide the Committee's perspective on this Plan.
5. EAC would like to have planning decisions considered through a sustainability perspective. Staff will be reviewing the implementation of this recommendation.

The 2019 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan (Appendix A) includes projects and activities that will advance public environmental awareness, which is the core business of the Committee. This work plan needs to be adopted by Council to set the direction of Committee work for 2019. It identifies to the Committee what Council feels is important for the Committee to achieve during the year. The initiatives being reviewed by Committee members include the following projects.

1. Single Use Plastics Ban: The project will conduct research and develop policies that will result in a ban of single use plastics within the community.
2. Active Transportation: The project looks to build support for an Active Transportation Master Plan in the 2020 budget considerations, develop

active transportation infrastructure in the Lindsay downtown, and have bike lanes striped for Lindsay and Bobcaygeon.

3. Pollinator Subcommittee: This subcommittee will continue to work on developing new pollinator habitat in the community and organize/celebrate Pollinator Week with a Bee City logo at memorial Park, organizing a Pollinator Garden Tour, and inviting restaurants to celebrate pollination.
4. Tree Preservation By-law: The project will assist the City in developing a tree preservation by-law.
5. Roadside Brushing: The project hopes to develop guidelines for roadside brushing and maintenance to protect nesting migratory birds.
6. Trash#CKL: The project aims to develop a policy to reduce waste.
7. Healthy Environment Plan: EAC will continue to sit on the Healthy Environment Plan Working Group and Steering Committee to provide the Committee's perspective on this Plan. EAC will continue with efforts to educate the public regarding the Plan.

Other Alternatives Considered:

The submissions within this report follow policy and direction of Council with respect to Committees of Council so no other alternatives were considered.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

With the adoption of work plans and annual reports, Council has developed a way for committees of Council to be accountable for their important input into the future of this municipality. Efforts can now be refocused from administrative (non-value added) duties to more in-depth work by the volunteers (value added). There are no financial considerations associated with this recommendation.

Relationship of Recommendations to the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

The work of this Committee of Council relates to the Council Adopted Strategic Plan in the areas of a Vibrant and Growing Economy. Through consultation and advice provided by local citizens involved in the environmental sector, Council is able to support a stronger local economy and healthier environment through the delivery of programs and policy decisions that provide support to the sector.

Consultations:

Environmental Advisory Committee

Attachments:

Appendix A - 2019 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan Review



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Appendix A.pdf

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