

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number PLAN2020-008

Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

Title: Environmental Advisory Committee (CKLEAC) 2020 Work Plan

Description: Environmental Advisory Committee 2019 Review and 2020 Proposed Work Plan

Ward Number: All

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Recommendations:

That Report PLAN2020-008, **Environmental Advisory Committee (CKLEAC) 2020 Workplan**, be received;

That the 2020 proposed Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan as outlined in Appendix B to Report PLAN2020-008 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 2019 and proposes a work plan for 2020 as per Policy number 028 CAO 002 – Non-legislated Committees of Council.

Rationale:

During the 2019 calendar year, the Environmental Advisory Committee completed the following goals from their 2019 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 with awards presentations in Lindsay and Dunsford.

EAC has also decided to replace its Environmental Hero Award with a Business Environmental Hero to champion businesses that promote sustainability.

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. The Bee City logo was also installed in Lindsay's Memorial Park. A Pollinator Garden Tour was also organized. Fruit trees were also planted Orchard Park and a Pollinator pathway was created.

Staff would also like to acknowledge the work that Susan Blayney accomplished during her 7 year tenure with EAC. She was the driving force behind the City's pollinator initiatives, including the City's Bee City accreditation and the approval of a pollinator seed mix on the Fenelon landfill site. While her enthusiasm will be missed on the Committee, we want to wish her well in future endeavours.

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 2020.
4. The Active Transportation group continued their work on building support for active transportation policy and infrastructure in the following manner.
 - Building support for Active Transportation Master Plan through various community stakeholders.
 - Developing Active Transportation infrastructure in the form of bike corrals, hydration station, benches, etc. at the Lindsay Library/Queen's

Square. The group has liaised with the City on design factors and be working on grant applications.

- Continued discussions with CKL Engineering on striping for bike lanes in Lindsay and Bobcaygeon where possible.
5. EAC continues its work on roadside brushing and spraying. They have been working with Public Works to have roadside brushing activities delayed to accommodate bird breeding season. They are also interested in obtaining more information on the roadside spraying initiative that the Public Works Department be implemented. Staff will be preparing a report for the Committee of the Whole in Q2 on these two issues, which will present the City's current practice versus what is being recommended for implementation by EAC.
 6. EAC has been working with the City's waste management group on the reduction of single use plastics. They have been working on ideas to raise awareness of single use plastics with local retailers by promoting the use of reusable shopping bags. Another initiative is to place signs at visible locations to reminding everyone to bring reusable shopping bags. They also prepared developed a resolution encouraging Council to implement a phased ban on single use plastics.
 7. EAC Chair Pat Warren sat on the Healthy Environment Plan Working Group and Steering Committee to provide the Committee's perspective on this Plan.
 8. EAC would like to have planning decisions considered through a sustainability perspective. Staff will be reviewing the implementation of this recommendation.

The 2020 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan (Appendix B) 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 2020. It identifies to the Committee what Council feels is important for the Committee to achieve during the year. Moving forward in 2020, EAC members agreed to reduce the number of work plans, and have all members concentrate and channel all efforts into the following projects.

1. Pollinator Action Committee: This committee 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 furthering education initiatives on pollination.
2. Active Transportation: This group will look to build support for an Active Transportation Master Plan in the 2020 budget considerations and will assist with RFP process, develop active transportation infrastructure in the Lindsay downtown, and investigate the feasibility of a Bike Share program in Lindsay.

3. Single Use Plastics Ban: The group will conduct research and develop policies that will result in a ban of single use plastics within the community. They will also work closely with various business groups to promote the voluntary single use plastics ban and develop signage to encourage the public to bring reusable bags and discourage reusable plastic straws.

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 2020-2023 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
Councillor Tracy Richardson

Attachments:

Appendix A - 2019 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan Review



Appendix A - 2019
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Appendix B – 2020 Proposed 2020 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan



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