Ken Burns in the Chair

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Ken Burns, Councillor Antoski, Peter Mogk, Andrew Tonkin, C-Mark Steinacher, Jonathan Jorna

Also Present: M.Figueiredo

Regrets: David Takacs, Nicole DiFilipo

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS (list, if any, available at meeting)

None

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Climate Change Staff Grant

Councillor Antoski and Chair Ken Burns thanked EPAC and Staff for the work that was done during the grant writing process. Councillor Antoski noted that she would provide material to the new Climate Change Officer that outlined initiatives from EPAC. The Committee looks forward to working with the new Climate Change Officer (when they are appointed).

4.2 Notice of Environmental Assessment – West Street at Charing Cross

As no information had been provided in the Notice regarding the date for the Public Information Centre for this Environmental Assessment, this item will be revisited once a date has been determined.

4.3 New City Website Launch – Web Page Review (no copy)

The Committee reviewed pages of the new website regarding the GreenER Awards, Living Green in Brantford, and the EPAC Committee listing. Chair Ken Burns would like to meet with the Communications department to discuss some changes that the Committee would like to see. The Committee expressed that, while the content on these pages established a good base of information, there is room for improvement and this could be accomplished by having a discussion with Communications.
5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Minutes

Moved by Peter Mogk
Seconded by Andy Tonkin

THAT the following minutes BE ADOPTED:

5.1.1 Environmental Policy Advisory Committee – January 24, 2019

CARRIED

5.2 General Updates

5.2.1 Stormwater Rates

5.2.1.1 “Elevator Pitches”

The Committee members shared their short pitches to use as tools to discuss Stormwater rates. Chair Ken Burns would like Committee members to continue to work to concisely explain the benefit of stormwater infrastructure, so as to further promote this initiative.

5.2.2 GreenER Awards

The deadline for nomination submissions is March 14, and the Communications department had created social media posts to promote the awards and encourage more nominations from Community members.

5.3 Sub-committee Updates (if available)

5.3.1 BioBlitz

None

5.3.2 Clean Brantford

None. By General Consensus, the Committee decided that regular updates for this Subcommittee are not required at this time due to the creation of the Canada Day Waste Diversion Initiative Subcommittee. Updates for this Subcommittee may return at a later date.
5.3.3 Canada Day Waste Diversion Initiative

The Subcommittee met with Lori-Dawn Cavin from the Parks and Recreation department about advertising various social media strategies that can be used to spread awareness about the waste diversion initiative.

It was determined at the Meeting of the Canada Day Organizing Committee that the waste diversion team will be called the “Green Team”. The Organizing Committee will assist in the recruitment of volunteers.

As a result of the Subcommittee’s role on the Canada Day Organizing Committee, the June EPAC meeting will be moved to June 20 to allow members of EPAC who sit on the Subcommittee to be involved in items concerning Canada Day Planning.

More updates from this Subcommittee will be brought to the March 28th EPAC meeting.

5.3.3.1 Busch Systems

More information will be brought to the March EPAC meeting regarding a potential City partnership with Busch Systems.

Chair Ken Burns, on behalf of the rest of the Committee, thanked outgoing Committee members Peter Mogk and Andy Tonkin for the time they had dedicated to the Committee over the course of their respective terms.

6. RESOLUTIONS

None

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m. – City Hall, Charlie Ward Room

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:07p.m.