

REGULAR MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.

Township of South-West Oxford

Council Chambers

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 4th, 2023 Environment and Energy Innovation Committee be approved, as amended.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

Minutes

Resolution No. 2 Moved by Valerie Durston
Seconded by David Schell

RESOLVED that the minutes of the September 6th, 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

