ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 virtually via Zoom



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Weverink, Chair Grace Bergman Trudy Schneider Elaine Willis <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Patricia Van Der Lingen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weverink called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. <u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u>

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3. <u>MINUTES</u>

(a) Minutes of the Meeting held on July 16, 2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

That the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on July 16, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

None

6. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

(a) 2020 Status Update

Members discussed the status of items referred to Council. Discussion points included:

Campfire Regulations

• Chair Weverink provided an update to his report brought forward to Council, which included the Committees concerns with the current Campfire Bylaw. He noted that Council is not in favour of amending the bylaw but are willing to review with the public for a reminder and clarification

Wildlife Education

• Members discussed and agreed that there seems to be fewer concerns with bears this year

ACTION ITEM: Ask staff to request the number of warnings and tickets that GFL Environmental may have issued this year compared to last year.

Invasive Species

- Invasive species control and eradication continue to be a concern
- Still a need for educating the public to include the dangers, what each species look like etc.
- Include Invasive Species in the Village newsletter and feature a "plant of the month"
- Organize clean-up activities through the 1st Anmore Scouts and Youth Group

(b) Committee Priorities for 2021

Members discussed the priorities for 2021 and agreed to focus on helping the public recognize and eliminate invasive species and work with the Parks Committee to identify areas in need of attention.

Members also would like to participate in perusing the landscaping plans for Spirit Park, to avoid invasive species and to remain consistent with the natural environment.

7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

To adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Certified Correct:

Approved:

"Karen Elrick"

"Paul Weverink"

Karen Elrick Manager of Corporate Services Councillor Paul Weverink Chair, Environment Committee