

May 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Consideration from:
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEMO TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Colleen Hutt, Deputy Clerk

The Environmental Advisory Committee, at their meeting of May 5, 2021 recommended and approved the following for consideration by Council:

Item 8.5 Anti-Idling By-law

- 1.1 that the Environmental Advisory Committee ask Council to direct staff do a report on the possibility of creating an anti-idling by-law for Niagara-on-the-Lake to improve the air quality and reduce greenhouse emissions.

The following is attached:
Appendix I - May 5, 2021 Minutes

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Business

8.1 Niagara Adapts

Victoria Steele presented the timeline for next steps. The project is in the community engagement phase. A survey has been developed to evaluate the level of support for the goals and vision of the draft Climate Adaptation Plan. An internal staff survey is currently being circulated, and a public survey will be launched in approximately two weeks.

8.2 NPCA Update

Kerry Royer provided an update about the new 2Billion Trees program and a letter of support has been circulated to the CAOs.

Kerry also reminded the Committee the NPCA is seeking public engagement regarding their Strategic Plan and the survey closes on May 6th, 2021.

Kerry also provided an update that a meeting has been scheduled with the CAOs of the NPCA, Niagara Falls, Niagara Region and NOTL.

8.3 Four Mile Creek Drain

Councillor Norm Arsenault summarized report OPS-21-012 which was approved at the April 26, 2021 Council meeting.

Brett Ruck provided an overview of the challenges of the Four Mile Creek Drain.

The Committee asked questions about 2 Mile Creek. Kerry Royer explained there is an extremely high number of ash trees in that area and a significant number of invasive species. This area is on a review list for the forester at the NPCA. After a review by NPCA staff is complete, Kerry can bring another update to this Committee.

Councillor Sandra O'Connor asked about NPCA fill and construction regulations. This topic will be placed on a future Committee agenda and a Compliance and Enforcement Officer from the NPCA will be invited to the meeting.

Town staff will work with NPCA to look for opportunities to involve the community in stewardship efforts in this Conservation Area.

8.4 Tree Planting Program

There was no update regarding the tree planting program.

8.5 Anti-Idling By-law

Councillor Sandra O'Connor presented the idea of requesting staff to draft an anti-idling by-law.

Councillor Sandra O'Connor moved that the Environmental Advisory Committee ask Council to direct staff do a report on the possibility of creating an anti-idling by-law for Niagara-on-the-Lake to improve the air quality and reduce greenhouse emissions.

APPROVED.

9. New Business

9.1 Community Centre Location

Councillor Sandra O'Connor requested that behind the Community Centre be considered as a potential tree planting location.

10. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 6 PM

ADJOURNMENT: 07:15 PM