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Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Project Involvement Information Report

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In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any member of Council may make a request to the Town Clerk that this Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to give Council an update on the projects the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee (NEAC) participated in during 2017. The report will also outline the 2018 projects that NEAC will be assisting with.

Background

At the Council Workshop on September 18, 2017, Council asked for a report on what projects the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee (NEAC) has been involved with and outline the process of determining which items are provided to the Committee for feedback.

Discussion

The Terms of Reference which NEAC has been working with during this term of Council includes providing advice to Council and staff on defined focus areas related to:

- Community/Municipal Energy Plan
- Storm Water Management Plan
- Low Impact Development plans, and

- Energy efficiency of municipal properties

These focus areas have generally been the subjects where project interactions have taken place and where the advice and contributions from NEAC members have been greatly valued.

In 2017, Engineering Services sought input or requested assistance from NEAC on the following matters;

- Requested that NEAC review and provide comments on a draft of the Town's proposed Soil Alteration By-Law;
- Requested that NEAC review and provide comments on a draft of the Town's Low Impact Development and Stormwater Management Policy;
- Sought NEAC's input on the Credit Program being developed by Jen Slykhuis for the new Stormwater Charge;
- Sent NEAC the nomination that E.S. filled out for the LSRCA Conservation Awards – Healthy Water Award for their information and support (ES did win the award);
- Requested that NEAC promote a special community Stormwater Session re Wayne-Waratah drainage, held on September 13th at the Lutheran Church in Ward 3;
- Sent NEAC some information to distribute on York Region's subsidized tree program;
- Sent NEAC some information to distribute regarding York Region's Greening Action Partnership funding;
- Requested that NEAC circulate and share a poster for the LEAF backyard tree planting program that the Town is supporting for residential properties as part of the stormwater charge.

Public Works Services applied for seven different funding opportunities under the Municipal GHG Challenge Fund with assistance from NEAC:

- Cold Water Ice Resurfacing Unit (1 Zamboni servicing 2 rinks at Magna);
- EV Charging Station(s) (up to 4 for the downtown around Riverwalk Commons);
- Greenhouse Computerized Operating System;
- Electric Fleet Vehicles (Replacements for 2 Zamboni's, 1 Forestry Bucket Truck, 1 Bylaw Enforcement);
- Trail Lighting Solar (TTT between CN Railway crossing and GO Station Parking Lot at the Tannery);
- Park Pathways Solar (Jim Bond and Sunnyhill);
- Facility Lighting Replacements (NSMP, Community Centre & RTRC).

Conclusion

Projects for 2018 where input from NEAC will be requested:

- The Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) which will include an employment lands strategy;
- Following the MCR a review of the Official Plan;
- The Secondary Plan for the Mulock Station area;
- Private Tree Bylaw under the Urban Forestry Management Plan;
- The Feasibility Study for the Newmarket Energy Retrofit program;
- Providing input on grant applications for funds for projects that have an environmental impact;
- Continue providing input on the 5-year Conservation Demand Management Plan

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

Describe the Strategic Plan Linkages, such as the Community vision, Corporate mission and/or Core Values.

Consultation

Planning & Building Service, Public Works Services and Engineering services were all solicited for information pertaining to work with NEAC during 2017 as well as future project which will include NEAC participation.

Human Resource Considerations

No Human Resources considerations are required.

Budget Impact

This report has no impact to the budget.

Attachments

No attachments required.

Contact

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Approval

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Peter Noehammer,
Commissioner, Development & Infrastructure Services