



EAC Council Presentation

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(EAC) 2011

Promoting and Fostering Environmental
Awareness across our beautiful Township



Goal of Presentation

1. Appraise council on purpose and confirm mandate of EAC
2. EAC Activities to-date and focus for 2011
3. Review EAC Draft Actions
4. Confirm Council support

EAC Mission



Mission

To advise council and educate the public in issues that impact on the environment of the Township.

Activities and Responsibilities

1. To participate if requested in the preparation and updating of policies on environmental and related issues in the Township Official Plan
2. To advise Council on strategy, policies and procedures to achieve council's environmental goals
3. To develop and promote public education programs on environmental issues
4. To comment as part of public reviews on watershed and sub-watershed planning exercises and to advise Council as required
5. To review, as requested other governmental environmental reports and programs and advise Council of any impacts of those reports on the Township
6. To participate in the creation of and maintenance of a natural areas inventory and other environmental research which will increase and improve the information base available to the Township

EAC Background



- Spring/2009 -Township motion to create EAC
- September 2009 – EAC established
- Held meetings September, October & then quarterly
 - brainstorm ideas, focus and priorities
- ECO Partners - County and Lakeland Alliance
- Focus areas for 2010
 - Developed Environmental awareness program
 - Waste Management – Reduce, Re-use, Recycle
 - Created website for information sharing
- Committee seven members 2009-2010
 - Bill Lee, Cris Figueira, Janin Pugh Robertson, Peter Franzen, Rob Stavinga, Peter Raymond, Rob Arkell (joined April 2010)–replacing Bob Mitchell who resigned Jan/2010)



ECO Partners



- Peterborough County - Environmental Services
- Peterborough Green-Up
- Lakeland Alliance



EAC Milestones 2010



Buckhorn Lake Estates



Cavendish Community
Ratepayers Association



Crystal Lake Cottagers Association
Galway & Area Ratepayers Association



Heritage Day event



Big Bald Lake
Cottagers Association



Oakshores Community Association



EAC 2011 Areas of Focus



- Promote environmental awareness with local ratepayer/cottage, youth groups and gather water quality and other environmental info to be shared
- Actively present solutions and opportunities to environmental issues facing Township
- Leverage website for sharing of information and awareness

<http://galwaycavendishharveyeac.wordpress.com>



EAC 2011-2014



- EAC Meetings 4 increase to 6 per year
- EAC members 7 (1council rep) increase to 9
- EAC Council rep – To be Confirmed
- EAC budget – To be Confirmed



Protect & Preserve the Environment



- Tourism, Aggregate and Agriculture are the main economic drivers for our Township, and ONLY exist because of the Environment.
- If it was not for the Environment (water, land, air) this Township would not exist, and we would not be talking today as we would be living else where.
- The Environment cuts across Social, Economic, and Cultural boundaries
- The Township has a social responsibility (and all of us collectively) to protect and preserve the Environment for future generations – Your grandkids and their children
- EAC will actively solicit input and offer solutions to environmental issues facing the Township in an ongoing 2-way dialogue
– ***Council's support and commitment to the Environment is paramount***



EAC DRAFT ACTIONS



- PUBLIC FOCUSED

- Fund Annual MNR Seedling program to plant trees (Reduce Greenhouse Gases)
- Awareness program -Promote shoreline stewardship, waste reduction, septic inspection
- Education program -Hold public info sessions with guest speakers on related topics
- Support KHSS Park development

- MUNICIPAL FOCUSED

- Partner with Building & Planning Dept – promote LEED building practices, encourage septic inspections, Official Plan reviews
- Assist Township in review/development and implementing a GREEN Procurement Program and GREEN PLAN (Sustainability Plan)
- Explore feasibility for SOLAR on Township buildings, Hydro microfit program with Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green funding
- Explore opportunities with MNR, Aggregate Industry and local quarries to establishing a research facility with focus on rehabilitation



EAC 2011 Calendar



JAN 2011	- 13 Meeting
FEB 2011	- 1 presentation to council
MAR 2011	- 10 Meeting
APR 2011	- Seedling planting with school, youth groups
MAY 2011	- 12 Meeting + Awareness program
JUN 2011	- 11 at BCC + Awareness program
JUL 2011	- 14 Meeting + Awareness program
AUG 2011	- Awareness program
SEP 2011	- 8 Meeting
OCT 2011	- Waste Reduction Week
NOV 2011	- 10 Meeting



Summary

Thank you for your support we look forward to working in a collaborative manner with Council to make a positive Contribution to our Township on the environmental front.

