Memorandum

Committee of Council Status Update

Date: December 9, 2019
From: Ken Mehi and Rob Potter, Co-Chairs, Sustainability Advisory Committee
Subject: December 2019 Sustainability Advisory Committee Status Update

Key Committee Focus from Previous Six Months

- The Sustainability Advisory Committee initially focused on review and clarification of the Committee’s direction and Mandate which resulted in a comprehensive, revised Terms of Reference that reflects the collective goals of the Committee and, more broadly, Council;
- Sub-Committee created to develop recommendations for Long-Term Policies regarding Tree Preservation;
  - Working with Councillor Matrosovs, with recommendations forthcoming.
- Sub-Committee created regarding renewable energy;
  - Working with Town staff to explore options regarding renewable energy regulation.
- Sub-Committee created to review Development Charge Policies related to attainable housing as well as consideration of broader incentives for sustainable practices for all development.
- Committee endorsed a motion to retain a full-time Sustainability Manager to develop and implement the Integrated Community Sustainable Plan (“ICSP”) and focus on Corporate sustainability, pending Council’s approval.

Key Committee Focus for Next Six Months

- Moving towards development of an Integrated Community Sustainable Plan (“ICSP”), which includes a training workshop delivered through a Special Meeting of Council the week of January 13, 2019;
  - Workshop includes: Background on advent of sustainability, Review of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Review of Town of The Blue Mountains Sustainable Path, Methodology examples for development of an ICSP, Collaboration with other Advisory Committees of Council in the development of the ICSP, and integration with their respective Plans, Special guests from other municipalities to share their experiences in the development of an ICSP.
- Workshop will be open to the public in addition to members of other Town Advisory Committees of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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