

**SUSTAINABILITY LIAISON MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015 AT 12:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMERS – TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor Bob Berry, Councillor Margaret Tusz-King, Councillor Ron Aiken, CAO Phil Handrahan, & Sr. Mgr. of Corporate Projects Jamie Burke

1) Acceptance of the Meeting Notes from May 21, 2015

The meeting notes were accepted as distributed.

2) Microbeads

The group discussed microbeads, which are found in some personal care products, which are polluting oceans, as well as causing problems for the species that live there. The group briefly discussed the possibility of a small public education campaign to reduce the local use of these products.

3) Blue Dot Movement

The group briefly discussed the Blue Dot Movement, which is led by the David Suzuki Foundation. This movement is encouraging local governments to pass municipal declarations respecting people's right to live in a healthy environment. Staff will further review the declaration and any implications for the next meeting.

4) Second Electric Vehicle Charging Station

The potential for a second electric vehicle charger was discussed. Staff have become aware of a new Municipal Program being offered by Sun Country Highways (the manufacturer of the charger installed in September 2014 at the Visitor Information Centre). The town may be eligible to participate in this program and only have to cover the installation costs of a new charger. Staff will be following-up on the program, as well as evaluating additional locations and costs.

5) Grant Applications

Staff will be working on two grant applications over the coming weeks. Staff will be applying for the CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up program, sponsored by CN in partnership with Tree Canada and Communities in Bloom, which focuses on new trees. In addition, staff will also be applying for an EOS Solar Energy Grant which would help implement a solar system on a municipal building.

6) Other Business

a) Council Report

The group reviewed the draft July Council Report.

b) Lyme Disease

The growing concerns over Lyme Disease were discussed, including the growing body of research being undertaken at Mount Allison University. It was agreed that the town could facilitate a Town Hall style meeting for researcher(s) to present their findings, which would also help educate the public on the disease.

c) Lorne Street

The group agreed to have a discussion on Lorne Street as it related to flooding and stormwater infrastructure at the next meeting.

7) Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2015 at 12:15pm in Council Chambers.