

Staff Report 2019-28

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Subject: Appointment to ecoCaledon for the 2018-2022 Term of Council

Submitted By: Amanda Fusco, Manager, Legislative Services/Interim Town Clerk, Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Councillor _____ be appointed to ecoCaledon for the 2018-2022 Term of Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ecoCaledon has requested that a member of council be appointed to its organization.
- ecoCaledon provides support, advocates for and implements waste reduction initiatives to encourage better environmental policies and programs.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this report is to respond to ecoCaledon's request for council representation during the 2018-2022 Term of Council.

ecoCaledon meets approximately ten (10) times per year on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month. All meetings are held in a meeting room at Town Hall.

ecoCaledon (formerly the Citizens for a Clean Caledon) is an environmental action group that was established in the early 1990's and became incorporated in 2011. ecoCaledon promotes local programs designed to educate, enhance and protect Caledon's environment. Their mission is to provide environmental education that connects and engages residents of the Town of Caledon towards more sustainable living.

The Town appointed one Councillor to ecoCaledon, Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis, as the Council representative for the 2014-2018 Term of Council, with her term expiring on November 30, 2018. ecoCaledon has requested that a Regional Councillor be appointed to their organization as much of their funding is regionally based.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications associated with this report.

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

The matter contained in this report is not relative to the Council Work Plan.

NEXT STEPS

The Legislative Services Division will notify ecoCaledon of the new appointment.

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A - Correspondence from ecoCaledon requesting council representation.



January 29, 2019

Town of Caledon
Jordyn Lavecchia
Council Committee Coordinator,
Legislative Services
Corporate Services Department

Dear Jordyn

ecoCaledon would like to ask for continued support by Caledon Council by providing a council representative. A Regional council member would be preferred since most of ecoCaledon funds are Regional.

We meet 10 times a year, the 3rd Thursday each month, December – June, and hold elections in December.

Meeting location, Caledon E. Fire Hall – Upstairs.

Time, 6:30pm – 9pm

ecoCaledon(formerly Citizens for a Clean Caledon) is an environmental action group of mostly volunteers established by the Town of Caledon in 1995. Promotes programs designed to educate, enhance and protect Caledon's environment. ecoCaledon's mission and vision is to provide environmental education that connects and engages the citizens of Caledon towards more sustainable living.

We have a range of programs including Education, Battery Recycling, Rain Barrels, Paint a Picture for Clean Air, "Walk the Talk" program (promotes making changes in your Environmental foot print), Drawdown and Drawdown Directory

Drawdown Focus: All ecoCaledon programs tie into Drawdown; a worldwide effort that shares experience to take actions to reverse global warming (e.g., reducing energy, reducing food waste etc.) .

Drawdown Movement and Workshops: These workshops encourage ways to reversing Global Warming. ecoCaledon is the Caledon Community partner with Drawdown Canada. Together we promote and deliver workshops (introductory and Full Workshop Series). These engage and encourage Citizens of Caledon and others to take on projects that work on the 100 ways to reverse global warming (i.e., Energy, Food and Transportation are three of the Sectors that have ways to reduce Global Warming (CO2's)).

Drawdown Directory: Organizations that can help you participate in Drawdown, to work towards reversing Global Warming. It also highlights Projects that are being done in Caledon to work towards Drawdown. These projects are connected to individual citizens of Caledon and local Community groups.

Walk the Talk deals with issues of climate change.

Community engagement workshops are offered on reducing your environmental footprint given to Service Clubs, local community organizations such as churches and Seniors groups and school groups such as Sports and Girl Guides.

Rain Saver Barrels are retrofitted from food grade barrels diverted from landfill, to meet water efficiency objective.

School Programs

Promotes The 4 R's designed to encourage students to become more informed citizens when it comes to the waste they produce and how what happens to that waste affects the environment and their community.

These promote the 4 R's sponsored by Region of Peel; Individual Class workshops and Whole School Challenges in elementary and secondary schools. Last year we delivered 73 class workshops and 2 Whole School Challenges.

We also work with schools to deliver Drawdown Workshops and projects in both elementary and secondary schools.

ecoCaledon offers Bursaries to graduating high school students

Paint a Picture(PP) for Clean Air Project: This project is a full community environmental engagement program that runs annually between Earth Hour (March), Earth Day (April) and Caledon Day(June) to raise awareness about protecting our air. Paint a Picture for Clean Air encourages drivers not to leave their cars idling. Grade Schools across Caledon paint posters promoting clean air and no idling. These posters are displayed across Caledon in business and municipal building windows to remind drivers to turn off their cars.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

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