

TOWN OF CANMORE
Environmental Advisory Review Committee
Agenda

Date: Tuesday March 12, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Georgetown Boardroom, Canmore Civic Centre

Present:

Committee Members:	Corrina Bryson Bob Raina
Council representative:	Councilor Esme Comfort
Biosphere representative:	Bruce Gleig
Town Liaison:	Lori Rissling Wynn

Regrets:

	Julie Ulan Ralph Walicki Dominique Lagloire-Galipeau
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Action items appear in red.

1. **Call to Order** (6:05pm)
2. **Approval of agenda**
3. **Approval of minutes** (no minutes to approve, January meeting was an EIS review; no meeting in February)
4. **Old Business**

No items
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1. Solar incentive lottery
 - Committee selected solar incentives by random number generator
 - 25 applications were received for 15 incentives
 - 15 were selected and remaining 10 put on wait list in order of selection
 - **L. Rissling Wynn to inform all applicants tomorrow (Wednesday March 13, 2019)**
 - 5.2. Calgary – Bow Valley Mass Transit Study
 - Full study available on Town of Banff website:
<https://www.banff.ca/index.aspx?NID=1029>
 - Executive Summary gives good synopsis of study:
 - bus and rail both options, but bus less expensive than train.

- Rail generates GHG emissions (because platform is heavy rail and must be pulled by diesel locomotive) whereas bus would reduce GHG emissions.
- Regional transit is a priority for both communities.
- Andy Esarte (Manager of Engineering) to present findings of study to Council at an upcoming meeting.

5.3. 2019 Fruit tree removal program

- TOC will have a table at Bear Days (April 13th) focused on fruit trees
- Working with AEP and Wildsmart, we will develop a door hanger for priority neighbourhoods. Wildsmart volunteers may to help distribute (volunteer commitment not yet confirmed).
- Committee suggested, what if in subsequent years, TOC provided chainsaw training to 1-2 Parks employees and purchased a chipper, we could do removals ourselves.
L. Rissling Wynn to bring up with Lisa Guest (Parks Supervisor) and Andreas Comeau (Manager of Public Works).
- Other option for a program would be to cover 50% of the cost of removal for home owners. Not the entire amount and in the priority areas.

5.4. Climate Adaptation Plan

- L. Rissling Wynn shared the presentation given at last week's Rockies Institute workshop for residents on climate adaptation planning.
- Presentation attached.

5.5. Events/updates

- Community generation application – we were not successful with our application to EEA, but hoping to roll the scope into our collaboration with QUEST on accelerating the implementation of renewables.
- Climate Change Specialist recruitment update – have hired Amy Fournier. Amy will start Tuesday March 26th. We will do an introduction to EARC at our next meeting.
- March 14th 7-9pm Dr. Joe Vipond (Civic Centre)
- March 21st Wildlife Society (Alberta) event
- May 1st – FireSmart Open House; to book your FireSmart home assessments email firesmart@canmore.ca

6. Roundtable

No additional items

7. Next Meeting - Monday April 1st or 8th 6pm **L. Rissling Wynn to send email.**

8. Adjournment (7:45pm)