



Heartland Beautification Committee Agenda Oct 3, 2013 at 11:45am Stettler Rec Centre Meeting Room

- 1. Agenda/Agenda Approval**
- 2. Confirmation of the Sept 5, 2013 HBC Minutes**
- 3. Business Arising from the Sept 5, 2013 HBC Minutes**
- 4. Statement of Revenue & Expenses as of Sept 30, 2013**
- 5. 2013 Projects**
 - a. Banners & Signage**
 - b. Communities in Bloom**
 - c. Environmental Action Sub-Committee**
 - d. Heritage Conservation Sub-Committee**
 - e. Downtown Park Sub Committee**
 - f. Community Gardens**
 - e. New Business**
 - a) New Projects**
 - b) 2014 Budget**
 - c) Meeting time**
- 6. Correspondence**
- 7. Next Meeting – Nov 7, 2013**
- 8. Adjournment**

"Keeping Stettler Clean and Green"

Environmental Action Sub-Committee Report Oct. 3, 2013

The Environmental Action Sub-Committee met on Wed., Sept. 18. In attendance were Graham Scott, Sue-Anne Hennessey, Marie Brown and Grace Fix (chair).

A. Communities in Bloom recommendations (Environmental Action category)

- a) better solar lights in parks – *on hold*
- b) **work on energy savings with transportation . Anti-Idling bylaw.**
- *We will try to address these again this year.*
- c) opportunities for small businesses to recycle
- *Town Council has indicated that increasing recycling service to businesses is a priority. \$10 for recycling bin in office; \$45/mo for CanPak recycling bin outside.*
- d) Re-use centre for household items
- *"Take it or Leave it" building under future consideration by Stettler Waste Management Authority*

B. Our 2013 - 2014 Projects:

- 1) **Green Tips** – for October (*attached*)
- 2) **Bike racks** – investigate if any other areas in Stettler need bike racks.
- 3) **Bottle/can recycling baskets** –
20 more ordered on Sept. 11 from Park N Play Design for \$1725.68 (includes GST)
- 4) **BYO Bag** follow-up
- 5) **Backyard Composting** follow-up – Town considering curbside compost pick-up??
- 6) **Fruit/Vegetable Rescue** – give info on this at the Spring Plant Exchange.
- 7) **Recycling Awards** - recipients will be honored again at the Stettler Regional Board of Trade Business & Citizenship Awards Night on Oct. 24.
- *presenters?* Grace & Sue-Anne are willing to attend.
- buy tickets for award winners & guest (8 tickets + presenters) (\$50 ea; table 8 for \$350)
- 8) **"Where do I take it? A – Z Guide"**
 - Go to www.stettler.net and under "Quick Links" look for "Where Do I Take It?" or go directly to <http://tinyurl.com/wheredoitakeit>
 - Thanks to Graham for entering all the items!
 - Guide promoted at Grand Opening of Stettler Eco Centre on Thurs., Sept. 26.
 - Grace and Graham will keep it current.
- 9) **"Stettler: a Walkin' N Rollin' Community"**
 - work with the Wellness Committee to promote active transportation and incorporating exercise into getting to a necessary destination. Graham attended last Wellness meeting.
- 10) **Anti-Idling** – Graham and Grace will approach the new Clearview deputy superintendent to see if we can work together on this promotion.

- 11) **Business recycling** – currently left to each individual business to choose to hire a recycling hauler.
 - A more comprehensive program could be addressed at the annual strategy session involving all of Council.
- 12) **Curbside compost pick-up** – TOS admin. suggests that all residents would contribute to the costs of such a service (similar to the present recycling program) and we need to determine if they are willing to pay for it. We could do a survey to determine what percentage of the public would support this and at what price point they feel it is reasonable.
 - It also could be addressed at the annual strategy session involving all of Council.
- 13) **Cigarette trays** –
 - Discarded cigarette butts are a form of non-biodegradable litter. They are an environmental blight on streets, sidewalks, and other open areas. Carried as runoff from streets to drains, to rivers, and ultimately to the ocean, cigarette filters leach toxins and can kill animals and marine creatures who eat them.
 - We may look at promoting use of pocket ashtrays and/or cigarette butt receptacles around town.
 - Sue-Anne will investigate if emptying such receptacles would be an unreasonable burden to Town workers.
 - Grace will look into possible receptacles.
- 14) **Chip rather than burn branches**
 - Grace will find out if we could have a Tree Branch Chipping Day when we have the Spring Clean-up.



C. Possible Projects for the Future:

- 1) Decrease water bottle usage
- 2) Line-dry clothes promotion
- 3) Less-toxic cleaning products recipes and promotion
- 4) "Eat Local" foods and other products promotion
- 5) "Going Carbon Neutral" Eden Mills, Ontario www.goingcarbonneutral.ca
 Edmonton has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2050.
- 6) Towards grassless lawns

D. Environmental Action Budget

Budget		\$4000.00
Expenses		
Alberta Traffic Supply – idling sign design	\$ 180.00	
Compost bins for Trade Show	\$ 107.00	
Photocopy "Backyard Composting: Getting Started"	\$ 50.00	
Stepping it up to School (webinar)	\$ 53.63	
Photocopy	\$ 7.50	
<i>Bottle/Can recycling baskets (20) (not yet paid)</i>	<u>\$1643.50</u>	
Total expenses to date		<u>\$2041.63</u>
Balance remaining in budget		\$1958.37

October 7, 2013

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"Where do I take? A-Z Guide"



Where can I recycle this? Where can I dispose of this?

Who might want this item for a re-use?

The Heartland Beautification Committee has compiled an extensive guide of where you can recycle, give to someone else for re-use, or responsibly dispose of over 500 items in our area. Go to www.stettler.net and under "Quick Links" look for "Where Do I Take It?" or go directly to <http://tinyurl.com/wheredoitakeit>

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GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"Stettler Facebook groups"



Looking to sell or buy gently-used items locally? Try these Stettler Facebook groups:

"Stettler Items Too Good to Toss Out...Free Items"

"Stettler Buy & Sell"

"Stettler Parents Buy/Sell/Trade"

"Stettler Bidding Wars"

"Stettler Wedding Buy/Sell"

"Stettler Ladies' & Men's Clothing"

"Stettler Bookworm Market"

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