

Front of Yonge Township Environmental Services Committee

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Environmental Services Committee is to promote the protection, maintenance and enhancement of all aspects of the environment in the Township of Front of Yonge, and to safeguard and improve the quality of life of those who live and work in Front of Yonge, both currently and in the future.

2. Responsibilities

The Environmental Services Committee shall:

- Advise Council in all matters pertaining to sewage, solid waste, recycling, composting, storm water run-off, water quality improvements, air quality, ground and drinking water, and energy conservation;
- Review existing policies, programs and by-laws, and make recommendations upon the environmental implications of same;
- Assist in the development of policies, programs and by-laws which could have an impact upon any aspect of the environment;
- Identify, research and consult with, and receive submissions from individuals, local environmental, and other groups and report with recommendations;
- Solicit and facilitate public input on matters of environmental significance to Council (ie: Sustainable Communities, Green Economy, Climate Change);
- Aid Council by increasing awareness of the Township of Front of Yonge's Environmental policy, programs and by-laws, and issues which have an environmental impact, by means of education campaigns and public meetings.

3. Goals and Objective

Waste Reduction and Recycling

- To decrease the municipal waste stream through emphasis on the 3 R's and encourage new types of recycling; to refine municipal waste data collection to help improve our overall rate of diversion from the landfill.
- To extend the life span of the Waste Disposal Site by various means.
- To assist the Council in promoting product stewardship programs in Ontario to reduce waste creation by manufacturers.
- To promote improved and more accessible hazardous waste collection and disposal programs in Leeds and Grenville; to decrease with a view to eliminating toxic waste disposal via landfill.
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Public Awareness and Education

- To campaign to discourage pesticide use; to promote an eventual municipal ban on selected pesticides for non-essential use.
- To campaign to eliminate burning of garbage; to promote an eventual municipal ban.
- To help develop a non-smoking by-law.
- To promote better awareness of well and septic system safety and maintenance.
- To assist in promotion of environmental/conservation grant programs.
- To assist school programs that increase awareness of the environment and conservation.
- To promote Municipal Planning and the Environment
- To promote waste reduction in the environment and through sound conservation policy through participation in Front of Yonge's regular Official Plan Review.

4. Procedural

- The Committee shall meet a minimum of 4 times per calendar year.
- The Committee shall comprise no more than 2 Council members, but as many Front of Yonge residents who request participation (in writing).
- The Committee membership shall be approved by Council at the beginning of it's term.
- Minutes shall be kept of each meeting and submitted to Council.
- A Chairperson and a Secretary shall be appointed by committee members.
- Membership on the committee shall be for a minimum of 2 years but not more than the term of the current Council.

5. Sources of Information

- Municipal World Magazine
- Municipal Knowledge Series
- Business - Green, Solar, Construction
- Government - Federal/Provincial
- Conservation Organizations (ie: FABR, CRCA)
- Media
- Individuals

Environmental Services Committee.

We are looking for a few good men and women to become part of this new committee.

This committee will promote the protection, maintenance and enhancement of all aspects of the environment in the Township in order to improve and safeguard the quality of life of those who live and live here. The committee will advise Council in all matters pertaining to sewage, solid waste, recycling, composting, storm water run-off, water quality improvements, air quality, ground and drinking water, and energy conservation.

It will meet four times a year to begin with.