

# **Sustainability Committee**

## **MINUTES**

**April 9, 2019 - Room 228A – 3 p.m.**

Present: Greg McCallum (Chair), Cori Trinder, Karen Brewer, Sheena Svitich, Darrell Bethune, Michelle Foster

Regrets: Allan Knibbs, Brian Millis, Cori Andrichuk, Colleen Bailey

### **1. Results of Survey on Collecting Organic Waste**

Michelle Foster gave a presentation on her survey, which main purpose was to identify possible barriers to organic waste collection at the Cranbrook campus. She received 188 responses, 151 which were completed (80 percent completion rate). Students, staff, and faculty were surveyed at the campus. No particular age or gender stood out on the types of responses that were received, although many more females actually responded to the survey itself. Common barriers identified were unclear signage, confusion over the composability of items, and inconvenience of bin locations. If no sink is available in the vicinity to rinse items such as drinking containers, the likelihood of people rinsing and recycling drops (or if they recycle without rinsing, they contaminate the load). Clear communication and education; proper organization and accessibility to tools such as sinks, collection pods, and signage; and the good management of the system (regular transportation of this waste to the composter, controlling odour and pets) will be critical to its success. A final report on the survey is coming.

### **2. Proposed Timeline for Organic Waste Project**

We're over the completion deadline imposed by CBT, but Greg has spoken to them. The \$30,000 is still there for the composter. A communication and marketing plan is to be developed in May, the rollout will be in June and July, and in August we'll begin collecting the waste. There are less people around during that time so we can see how it goes.

### **3. Campus Clean Up (Tuesday, April 16)**

The clean-up will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and a message will be put on the portal to ask for additional volunteers.

### **4. Earth Week Activities (April 23 – April 25)**

Earth Day itself is April 22 which is Easter Monday. During the week after an information table will be set up a little down from the cafeteria. Michelle will be running the table; anyone else is welcome to help.

**5. Cranbrook Chamber Sustainability Panel Checklist**

This group went over the checklist with the College in mind to give it a test run. The checklist will be used April 17 during the Chamber lunch so local businesses can test themselves on how sustainable they are. Information on the BBA program will also be placed on tables for the lunch.

**6. Writing Instrument Recycling**

This is tabled; Karen will touch base with Colleen (who is away) as to how this is developing.

**7. Eliminating Bottled Water Update**

Bottled water is still being sold at the College. Tabled until Cori Andrichuk can speak to this.

**8. Adjournment**