

I am attaching for your information my presentation and motions to Council regarding the establishment of an Environmental Policy that I made at our last meeting.

Also I believe you will be receiving notice that there will be a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at the Council Chambers of the Cottage Associations. It was originally intended as a consultation with a couple of associations over here regarding the disposal/cleaning up of zebra mussels, but has morphed into an all-association meeting prior to budget to present your wish-lists. I am not sure this is absolutely necessary as requests for grants will still have to be made and reasons for the grant request will be detailed on there, but it will give an opportunity for a face-to-face with Council and other associations in the RM.

With regard to the attached information: environmental practices are changing as time goes on. No longer are our recyclables recyclable if that makes any sense. Mostly glass and aluminum cans are about the only recyclable household items now as a lot of plastics are not, burnables are not and even dropping things off to be recycled in plastic bags is becoming an issue. This is all about the expense of recycling as fewer and fewer companies are taking it on because of the amount of sorting and contamination in recycle plants. We have to find a better way, and cutting down on the use of plastic is just a first step.

Remember the good old days when we were natural recyclers? Take-out food came in cardboard and paper containers (I swear chips and gravy tasted better in those cardboard boats!), milk and other beverages came in glass bottles, we used paper or cloth shopping bags, etc: -all because plastic hadn't been invented yet! Well.. I guess it's time to re-visit that simpler time.

Anyway.. those are my thoughts and attached is my action..

Cheers..

Cheryl