

**Environment Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
September 19, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: Chair Sanford called the meeting to order at 3:03pm

2. Present: Councillor Holly Sanford, Mayor William MacDonald (ex-officio), John Bottomley, Star Cardwell, Rob Hodder, Sally O’Grady, Levi Cliche, CAO Gregory Barr (for part of the meeting), Amy MacManus as Recording Secretary, and a member of the public (Katie McLean from CARP)

3. Regrets: N/A

4. Additions to the Agenda

- i. Under Section 7, Business Arising, item iv: Notification of Infrastructure Projects
- ii. Under Section 8, New Business, item ii: Impact of Climate Change

5. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #C2018-SEPT-19-01

It was moved by John Bottomley, seconded by Star Cardwell to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

- i. July 25, 2018

MOTION #C2018-SEPT-19-02

It was moved by Levi Cliche, seconded by John Bottomley to approve the July 25, 2018 minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

7. Public Input

8. Business Arising

- i. Update from Council – Councillor Sanford

Chari Sanford relayed updates from council. The Committee decided to move the meeting to the second Wednesday of the month at 3pm so that it falls before the monthly Council meeting.

- ii. Extended Producers Responsibility for Paper Product and Packaging

The Committee discussed the Nova Scotia Government’s approach to extended producers responsibility for paper product and packaging and the request from the Town of Kentville to offer support to them for legislation to shift the cost of packaging from municipalities to producers.

MOTION #C2018-SEPT-19-03

It was moved by John Bottomley, seconded by Levi Cliché to recommend to council to support a request from the Town of Kentville to lend support for their approach to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to present a united front requesting the provincial government reconsider the recommendations that led to the start of the ERP process in 2014. **Motion carried.**

- iii. Milestone 5 – Discussion

The Committee discussed their responsibilities in regards the *Milestone 5* report and how to tackle updating the document. It was decided the first step is to examine the “Conclusion and Recommendations” (Section 5.0) and see where the Town stands with regards to what recommendations have and have not been undertaken. A small report will be sent to council asking for support to investigate ideas/suggestions. The committee will review its mandate in more detail and examine if it aligns with Milestone 5; Levi will speak with Public Works and the CAO with regards storm water; Chair Sanford will speak with Councillor Kinsella, Chair of Valley Waste Resource Management Board, with regards the usage of green bins in town.

iv. Notification of Infrastructure Projects

Levi Cliche relayed that CARP thinks it would be valuable if the Town notified them when infrastructure projects are being planned so that CARP can examine if there are environmental considerations or possible environmental subsidies.

MOTION #C2018-SEPT-19-04

It was moved by Levi Cliche, seconded by Starr Cardwell to recommend to council that council provide to the Environment Advisory Committee notice of upcoming projects related to infrastructure, develop and other similar projects so that the Committee can review and make recommendations to ensure ecological sustainability. **Motion carried.**

9. New Business

i. Low Carbon Communities Initiative

Levi Cliche summarized his thought on this application; that CARP administer and apply for the funding, with the Town’s support.

MOTION #C2018-SEPT-19-05

It was moved by John Bottomley, seconded by Sally O’Grady to recommend to council that council support the initiative of CARP for funding for Low Carbon Communities Initiative project for solar panels at the Library & Innovation Centre. **Motion carried.**

ii. Climate Change

Starr Cardwell posed whether the Committee needs to review the mandate and expand on it. It was decided that the language in the mandate is not restrictive so at this time no further expansion is necessary. She also questioned whether it would be helpful for the grassroots group she is involved in to contribute information to the Environment Advisory Committee. It was suggested that the grassroots group could present to the committee at some point. Starr will distribute the list she has of climate change impacts.

10. Correspondence

i. Off-Shore Gas Exploration, Municipality of Barrington – Response to Municipality of Shelburne

The Committee acknowledged.

ii. Church in Action Committee, St. George and St. Andrew United Church

The Committee discussed. Chair Sanford relayed that a reply letter had already been sent from the Town. Starr will invite the group to speak at the next Environment Advisory Committee, to clarify what they mean by “single use plastics”.

iii. Suggestion for New Garbage Bins

Katie McLean of CARP clarified that signs on waste receptacles around town have inaccurate signage depicting how to sort waste.

MOTION #C2018-SEPT-19-06

It was moved by Sally O'Grady, seconded by John Bottomley to recommend to council that the recycle/garbage bins have updated signage. **Motion carried.**

11. Next Meeting Date: October 10th at 3pm

12. Adjournment

Levi Cliche moved adjournment at 4:41pm.

Chair Holly Sanford

Recording Secretary Amy MacManus