

**Environment Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
December 12, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: Chair Sanford called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

2. Present: Councillor Holly Sanford (Chair), John Bottomley, Starr Cardwell, Susan Lane (in place of Levi), Recording Secretary Amy MacManus, and presenter Angelika Waldow (left after her presentation)

3. Regrets: Sally O'Grady, Rob Hodder

4. Additions to the Agenda

- i. Under Section 10, New Business: Town of Wolfville's Environmental Sustainability Committee

5. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #EAC2018-DEC-12-01

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

Motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

- i. November 14, 2018

MOTION #EAC2018-DEC-12-02

It was moved by Starr Cardwell, seconded by John Bottomley to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

7. Presentations:

- i. Emerald Ash Borer – Angelika Waldow

Angelika Waldow presented on the Emerald Ash Borer and the threat it poses to ash trees. The beetle is in Nova Scotia and it is a question of when, not if it arrives in Annapolis Royal. Angelika and the Committee discussed proactive steps to help combat an invasion. Strategies discussed included public education, a possible identification service, and municipal budgetary considerations. Angelika will draft a write-up for the January Town Crier newsletter that provides introductory information on the beetle and notifies residents that a student will be conducting a GIS inventory of ash trees beginning in January.

MOTION #EAC2018-DEC-12-03

It was moved by John Bottomley, seconded by Starr Cardwell to recommend to council to create a new line item of \$1500.00 for an Ash Tree Preservation & Replacement Program for the 2019/20 fiscal year budget. **Motion carried.**

8. Public Input

9. Business Arising

i. Update from Council – Councillor Sanford

Chair Sanford summarized the request from HATCH and distributed a copy of the document (from the December Committee of the Whole meeting) from National Research Council of Canada's expression of interest proposal to develop guidelines on managing climate change considerations in the refurbishment and creation of new storm drainage infrastructure. The Committee discussed whether to support the initiative.

MOTION #EAC2018-DEC-12-04

It was moved by John Bottomley, seconded by Susan Lane to recommend to Council that the town write a letter of support in principal to HATCH for their proposal to develop storm water drainage infrastructure for consideration of the National Research Council of Canada (NRC). **Motion carried.**

ii. Committee Member Solutions to Reduce Single Use Plastic Bags – Discussion

Discussion amongst committee members.

MOTION #EAC2018-DEC-12-05

It was moved by Starr Cardwell, seconded by Susan Lane to recommend to council to ban single use plastic bags within the Town of Annapolis Royal. **Motion carried.**

iii. Milestone 5

Levi Cliche asked that Susan Lane relay that there appears to be some confusion regarding what he is responsible for in reviewing of the Milestone 5 report. Susan clarified that Levi was to speak with CAO Gregory Barr and/or Superintendent of Public Works Kevin McLean. Levi has spoken with CAO Barr and to date there has been no action by the Town on the storm water recommendations in the report. The Committee is still unsure how to tackle Milestone 5. Chair Sanford will meet with CAO Barr to discuss how to best move forward with the report.

10. New Business

i. Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (<https://www.cnsopb.ns.ca/file-no-3000835>)

Item tabled to the next meeting.

11. Correspondence

12. Next Meeting Date: January 9, 2019 at 3 p.m.

Susan relayed that Levi will have an ongoing conflict with the date and time of the meetings. There may be another staff member who can participate. This item will be addressed at the January meeting.

13. Adjournment

MOTION #EAC2018-DEC-12-06

It was moved by Susan Lane, seconded by Starr Cardwell to adjourn the meeting at 5:06pm. **Motion carried.**

Chair Holly Sanford

Recording Secretary Amy MacManus