

**Environment Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
June 12, 2019 at 3 p.m.**

1. **Present:** Mayor MacDonald, Chair Holly Sanford, Sally O'Grady, Starr Cardwell, John Bottomley

2. **Regrets:** Katie MacLean

3. Additions to the Agenda

- i. Fridays for Futures
- ii. Fathom Fund
- iii. Suggested change for future meetings- sea level rise to be a topic in general instead of listing individual company names

It was moved and seconded to accept the Agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #EAC2019-APR-10-01

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

- i. May 8, 2019

MOTION #EAC2019-APR-10-02 It was moved and seconded to approve the May 8, 2019 minutes.

Motion carried

6. **Presentations:** None

7. **Public Input:** None

8. Business Arising

- i. Mayor MacDonald plans to contact the mayor of Victoria this week or next week- she has been re-elected and appears to take a humanitarian approach to issues
- ii. John has yet to receive the final report on climate change from the conference he attended in Kejimikujik but will forward it as soon as it is available
- iii. Starr has sent emails to several other flood management companies in several other countries and is awaiting reply
- iv. Discussion took place about options to control sea level rise- the committee will conference with the Flood Control Canada company- this can be done electronically, and staff of the town can arrange this
- v. There was discussion about other options to control sea level rise such as a sea wall which would also possibly create a lagoon in front of the current boardwalk along the basin

9. New Business

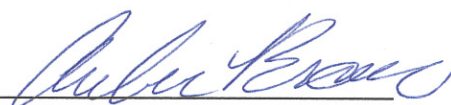
- i. FridaysforFutures.org- involves students "striking" on Fridays to draw attention to climate change- the organization will provide legal help to those who choose to walk out of school and also advises that students who choose to do so should ensure their safety and work with local organizations
- ii. Suggesting global strikes for climate emergency— our police chief knows about the children protesting here and that there will be more-expect quiet sitting protest-- 9& 10 year old kids came to town hall-suggested need to explore how we replace the plastic and asked about sea level rise- the Mayor told them we are aware of the issues what we are doing
- iii. Discussed having session at school- Bill will contact principal about the timing of a lunch time meeting- would be the students' opportunity to share their concerns
- iv. Discussion took place regarding whether or not it would be helpful if the town council declared a climate crisis
- v. The public may be wondering what this committee is doing - should there be a short notice in The Town Crier (no decision or plan was made about this)
- vi. Fathom Fund information sent to Mayor MacDonald from Wayne St. Amour of NSCC
- vii. This may be a way to get partial funding of the \$13,000 I needed to bring consultants to review our situation
- viii. The fund is to support oceans research
- ix. 25% of the funding for a project must come from public and the fund would supply the other 75% total costs under \$50,000 eligible
- x. Likely have engineers that would do consultation
- xi. The Mayor will talk to Wayne more- might be that towns can apply but he would like to partner with NSCC- good for us and their students
- xii. Corporate Dalhousie in the news regarding protesting against clear cutting organized by the local the ecology group
- xiii. The Extinction Rebellion group has been blocking road and have a protest planned for 9:30 am June15- to meet at the French Basin Trail and then continue on to Town Hall
- xiv. Sally will let the XR group know they should talk to police and get permit to do the walk-
- xv. We are in SW Nova Biosphere- -town could offer support for Corporate Dalhousie- we could write and go out to protest
- xvi. If asked our committee members can say they are a member of the committee but that we are not representing it
- xvii. Our committee can no longer make motions but could come to a consensus about a letter from town council to support
- xviii. Still no applications for the vacant seat on this committee

10. Correspondence

11. **Next Meeting Date:** September 11, 2019 at 2 p.m.

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was Adjourned at 4:30pm


Chair Holly Sanford


Recording Secretary