

**Environment Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
February 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order	Chair Bottomley called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
2. Present	John Bottomley (Chair), Councillor Paula Hafting (Vice-Chair), Mayor Amery Boyer (ex-officio), Starr Cardwell, Levi Cliche of CARP, Chief Administrative Officer Sandi Millett-Campbell, Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson. All members joined via Zoom.
3. Absent	Katie McLean, Amy Cameron
4. Additions to the Agenda	1. Under section 9. NEW BUSINESS ii. Coastal Change & Adaptation Presentation 2. Under section 9. NEW BUSINESS iii. Committee of the Whole Presentation, March 4, 2021 3. Under section 10. BUSINESS ARISING iv. Sea Level Rise
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2021-02-03-01 It was moved by Councillor Hafting, seconded by Starr Cardwell to approve the February 3, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	None
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #EAC2021-02-03-02 It was moved by Starr Cardwell, seconded by Councillor Hafting to approve the January 6, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATIONS: None

8. PUBLIC INPUT: None

9. BUSINESS ARISING:

i. Beavers at French Basin Trail

CAO Millett-Campbell informed the Committee on the process of removing the beavers and suggested that the Committee discuss further ideas on what to do if beavers return to Annapolis Royal. It was suggested and agreed that CAO Millett-Campbell contact Hope for Wildlife to explore if there are alternative options to relocate the species.

Action: Contact Hope for Wildlife

Responsibility: CAO Millett-Campbell

Date: By the next meeting on March 3, 2021

ii. Policy to Review – Invasive Species

Mr. Cliche explained the amendments that Ms. McLean made to the Invasive Species Policy. It was noted that clarification needs to be made to section 2 about the glossy buckhorn. CAO Millett-Campbell recommended that Mr. Cliche make the necessary changes to the policy and bring it forward to the next meeting for the Committee to review.

Action: Update wording on Invasive Species Policy

Responsibility: Levi Cliche & Katie McLean

Date: By the next meeting on March 3, 2021

iii. PACE Program Update

CAO Millett-Campbell stated that Morgaine Mason from CARP provided an informative presentation on the program. It was recorded for anyone to go back and re-watch. The presentation provided more details on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program which was developed for energy efficiency projects that a municipality could implement for their citizens. The Committee discussed the project and requested that someone from a municipality who has implemented the program present to Council to provide more in-depth administrative details. CAO Millett-Campbell will investigate the request and update the Committee accordingly.

Action: Invite a municipality to present the PACE program to Council

Responsibility: CAO Millett-Campbell

Date: TBD

iv. Sea Level Rising

Ms. Cardwell informed the Committee that she has not heard any new information or suggestions. The Committee inquired about the wave design technology that was shown after last month's meeting and noted that it was useful to visualize the rising sea levels. Chair Bottomley asked CAO Millett-Campbell to contact Vortex and thank them for their feasibility study that was done last year. Mayor Boyer reminded the Committee that rising sea levels are being discussed within strategic planning and mentioned that the work from the Environment Advisory Committee is very important.

Action: Contact Vortex to thank them

Responsibility: CAO Millett-Campbell

Date: As soon as possible

10. NEW BUSINESS

i. Coastal Change & Adaptation in Nova Scotia Presentation

Mayor Boyer notified the Committee that she attended a presentation from the Ecology Action Centre by Nancy Anningson and shared that it was very informative. Ms. Anningson stated that she would help municipal units with preplanning. The Committee mentioned that they have been in contact with the Ecology Action Centre and the next step is to find funding sources. Mr. Cliche noted that CARP has been looking into coastal changes as well and suggested that the Committee look at tidal scenarios from the Applied Geomatics Research Group at Nova Scotia Community College. The Committee decided to gather all their sources together in one document that Chair Bottomley will collate the information into one resource. Vice-Chair Hafting will ask Ms. Anningson if she recommends any other organizations or sources to contact to help with coastal management.

Action: Gather resources and combine into one document & contact Nancy Anningson

Responsibility: Chair Bottomley & Councillor Hafting

Date: By the next meeting on March 3, 2021

ii. Invitation to Committee of the Whole on March 4, 2021

Mayor Boyer invited the Committee to attend a presentation by Bill Crossman that will take place at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 4, 2021. The presentation is the second idea for repurposing the tidal power building. The Committee understood and agreed to attend.

Action: Send Zoom links to Environment Advisory Committee

Responsibility: Administrative Assistant

Date: Before the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 4, 2021

11. **Correspondence:** None
12. **Next Meeting Date:** March 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
13. **Adjournment:** Adjournment was moved by Councillor Hafting at 2:58 p.m.

Chair John Bottomley

Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson