

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

1. Call to Order	Chair Bottomley called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
2. Present	John Bottomley (Chair), Councillor Paula Hafting (Vice-Chair), Mayor Amery Boyer (ex-officio), Starr Cardwell, Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson. All members joined via Zoom.
3. Absent	Katie McLean (sent regrets), Amy Cameron, Chief Administrative Officer Sandi Millet-Campbell
4. Additions to the Agenda	Under section 9. NEW BUSINESS ii. Town's Strategic Plan Under section 9. NEW BUSINESS iii. NSPI News
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2021-03-03-01 It was moved by Councillor Hafting, seconded by Mayor Boyer to approve the March 3, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	None
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #EAC2021-03-03-02 It was moved by Mayor Boyer, seconded by Starr Cardwell to approve the February 3, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATIONS: None

8. PUBLIC INPUT: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

i. Tree Cutting By-Law

Mayor Boyer explained that Council asked that the by-law be presented to the Environment Advisory Committee for consideration for the Town. It was agreed that the Committee will review the by-law and talk about it at the next meeting. It was suggested that the Committee share their thoughts via email before the next meeting and to ask the Town's arborist for guidance.

Action: Review Tree Cutting By-Law

Responsibility: All members

Date: By the next meeting on April 7, 2021

ii. Town's Strategic Plan

Mayor Boyer stated that one of the largest pieces of the strategic plan will include a plan for climate change and the Committee's work will play a big role in it. It was noted that the second draft of the strategic plan is being prepared and the public will have another chance to submit their input.

iii. NSPI News

Mayor Boyer informed the Committee of the Nova Scotia Power news that was in the media release published on February 25, 2021 by the Town. The Committee discussed the potential impact and alternative options for the power plant. It was noted that Council appointed a Task Team to prepare for the impact.

10. BUSINESS ARISING

i. Invasive Species By-Law

The Committee reviewed the by-law and agreed to recommend to Council for approval.

MOTION #EAC2021-03-03-03

It was moved by Mayor Boyer, seconded by Starr Cardwell to recommend to Council to approve the Invasive Species By-Law as presented. **Motion carried.**

ii. Leaf & Yard Waste By-Law

The discussion was tabled until the next meeting on April 7, 2021. The Committee wanted to note that they liked the structure and wording of the policy but had some concerns with the operating times and size of the yard debris.

iii. Sea Level Rise

The Committee discussed the list of resources that was previously distributed from Chair Bottomley. Mayor Boyer stated that it provides great background information for the strategic plan. The Committee went over some potential partners that could assist with plans for rising sea levels and funding. It was agreed that each member should make themselves familiar with all the resources on the list.

11. Correspondence:

i. Links for Annapolis Royal

For information purposes only.

12. Next Meeting Date: April 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment: Adjournment was moved by Mayor Boyer at 2:50 p.m.

Chair John Bottomley

Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson