

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

1. Call to Order	Chair Bottomley called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.
2. Present	John Bottomley (Chair), Councillor Paula Hafting (Vice-Chair), Mayor Amery Boyer (ex-officio), Deputy Mayor Pat Power, Councillor Holly Sanford, Starr Cardwell, Katie McLean from CARP, and Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson. One member of the public joined the meeting for a presentation (left at 3:08 p.m.). All members joined via Zoom.
3. Regrets	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sandi Millet-Campbell
4. Additions to the Agenda	- Under 9. NEW BUSINESS iv. Update on New Project – Annapolis Estuary Funding
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2021-06-02-01 It was moved by Mayor Boyer, seconded by Councillor Hafting to approve the June 2, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	None
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #EAC2021-06-02-02 It was moved by Councillor Hafting, seconded by Katie McLean to approve the May 5, 2021 minutes as amended. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATIONS:

- i. Presentation by Hague Vaughan
 Mr. Vaughan provided a presentation on climate change and how it will affect the Town of Annapolis Royal. He discussed many factors that impact climate change, risks, and predicted timelines. Mr. Vaughan stated that sea level rise is a true ecological issue that could affect the Town as early as 2030. The Committee asked various questions and inquired on what the next steps should be. It was agreed that the Committee will continue to be communicate with Mr. Vaughan to facilitate the next steps.

8. PUBLIC INPUT: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- i. New Member Application
 The Committee reviewed the application and recommended that the applicant be appointed to the Committee.
- ii. Task Teams
 Mayor Boyer explained the purpose of having task teams instead of sub-committees and how it is more efficient. The Committee went over the terms and attached report. It was noted that this idea will be great for those individuals who have a passion for specific tasks and can target a distinct group of people to work on such projects. The Committee agreed that it is a great idea to implement.
- iii. Cigarette Butt Campaign
 Mayor Boyer shared that there has been some interest among the Committee to start a cigarette butt campaign as it is an environmental and health issue. The Committee agreed to start an information campaign that will start with graphics and facts about the unhealthy side

effects of cigarette butts. Ms. McLean stated that she will start the project by gathering information and will distribute to the Committee.

Action: Work on cigarette butt campaign

Responsibility: Katie McLean

Date: TBD

- iv. Update on New Project – Annapolis Estuary Funding
Ms. McLean stated that CARP has received funding to start a new project that will involve exploring and managing the Annapolis Estuary. It was noted that the funding will have two areas of focus which will be the aquatic ecosystem and a partnership with the Applied Geomatics Research Group (AGRG) from NSCC. Ms. McLean will keep the Committee updated accordingly.

10. BUSINESS ARISING

- i. Sea Level Rise

The Committee had nothing new to report regarding sea level rise this month.

- ii. Draft Climate Change Plan

Mayor Boyer informed the Committee that it was the second draft of the plan as factors are moving speedily and asked for the Committee's comments before it is shared with Council. The Committee decided to send their comments and suggestions to CAO Millett-Campbell.

Action: Review plan and send suggestions to CAO Millett-Campbell

Responsibility: All members

Date: TBD

- iii. Policy on Idling Control

The Committee discussed that the policy on idling control needs to be updated to be enforceable. Mayor Boyer stated that a policy is the wrong tool and needs to be changed into a by-law. The Committee directed staff to do research and draft a by-law.

Action: Draft Idling Control By-Law

Responsibility: Staff

Date: TBD

- iv. Small Grant Opportunity

Mayor Boyer thanked Ms. McLean for her all her work on the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia grant application and the climate change plan.

11. **Correspondence:** None

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

13. **Adjournment:** Adjournment was moved by Mayor Boyer at 3:38 p.m.

Chair Bottomley

Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson