

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

1. Call to Order	Chair Bottomley called the meeting to order at 1403
2. Present	John Bottomley (Chair), Councillor Paula Hafting (Vice-Chair), Mayor Amery Boyer, Starr Cardwell, Susan Jost, Katie McLean from CARP, and Recording Secretary Monica Mills
3. Regrets	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sandi Millett-Campbell,
4. Additions to the Agenda	Under BA: Ask Letter Bottomley: follow up on Garth the artist asked to
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2021-11-3-01 Approved by Unanimous Consent
Edits to the Minutes	
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #EAC2021-11-3-02 Regularly moved seconded to approve the October 6, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATIONS: Solar Garden: Medea Holtz

Medea Holtz introduced herself and the Good Cheer Self Sufficiency Society. The society has organized various events including a solar garden tour and an upcoming solar symposium. In her research for the symposium, she discovered a NSPI pilot project for a community solar garden. She explained that rather than installing on an individual home, a government entity provides land and then a solar farm is installed. The program would be ideal for a small Town like Annapolis Royal, where people may be hampered in going solar by their heritage properties or trees. She provided the committee with contact information for the program Smart Grid NS, 902 428 6236. She added that as part of this year's solar symposium, a statement of interest would be available whereby individuals could show their support for the project by signing. The society would also be going door-to-door to gage support.

The committee discussed the benefits of solar and whether it would be beneficial for the Town.

8. PUBLIC INPUT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Change Day of Meeting: The committee discussed changing the meeting date and agreed on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be December 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
- II. Renewal of membership for 2022: All committee members renewed their membership for another year, with the exception of Katie McLean. She indicated that a member of CARP would attend in her stead.

BUSINESS ARISING

i. Sea Level Rise –

Chair Bottomley and Starr Cardwell provided the committee with an update on their drafting a funding application. They will compile and circulate the information that they have and require.

The committee discussed the process for applying for funding and obtaining support both from individuals and other municipal units.

iii. Draft Climate Change Plan

Mayor Boyer went over the current and potential changes and stated that Council will be presented with the most up to date version of the draft climate change plan at the next Council meeting. The community works grant fell through; however, there are other funding opportunities for the interim position. The committee discussed the plan. Mayor Boyer presented her ask letter.

iv. Public Education Session on energy upgrades

Although the results of the Task Team Survey were few, it was indicated that the respondents were unaware of the options for energy upgrades. It was suggested that educational information be included in the December edition of the Town Crier.

11. Correspondence

i. Notice of Upcoming Public Hearing and Related Webinar

The committee discussed the Public Hearing and webinar regarding the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating station. It was decided that they would not take an official stand on nuclear power

12. Next Meeting Date: December 22, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment: Adjournment was moved by Mayor Boyer at 3:41 p.m.

Chair Bottomley

Recording Secretary Monica Mills