

Environment Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
March 23, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	Chair Bottomley called the meeting to order at 2:05
2. Present	John Bottomley (Chair), Councillor Paula Hafting (Vice-Chair), Mayor Amery Boyer, County Councillor Clyde Barteaux, Levi Cliche (2:56) Climate Change Intern Kayla Winsor, and Recording Secretary Krista Gear
3. Regrets	(CAO)Sandi Millett-Campbell, Starr Cardwell, Susan Jost
4. Additions to the Agenda	Correspondence 11 i. Clean Ocean Action Committee 11 ii. Coastal Protection Act
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2022-03-23-01 approved with additions by unanimous consent
Edits to the Minutes	Correct Vice Chair to Levi Cliche Correct ACER to ACERC in top table
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #EAC2022-03-23-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the minutes, with corrections, of February 23, 2022. Motion carried

7. Presentations

None

8. Public Input

None

9. New Business

i. Welcome County Councillor Clyde Barteaux

- Chair Bottomley welcomed Councillor Barteaux and provided a brief overview of the Committee

10. Business Arising:

i. Sea Level Rise

- A Flood risk analysis (FRA) was circulated prior to the meeting and was presented for information purposes
- Chair Bottomley requested that Committee members send any edits needed before next meeting
- Chair Bottomley provided an overview of the development of the FRA for new members. It was noted that an FRA is a prerequisite to an engineering report, for which partial funding has been applied

ii. Draft Climate Change Plan Update

- Kayla Winsor is now the lead on the revision or redevelopment of the Climate Change plan

- The Town is a member of (PCP) Partners for Climate Protection. PCP provides tools, educational resources, and an online hub to help develop Climate Change Plans and connects communities. PCP has identified five milestones, 1. Creating a greenhouse gas inventory and forecast, 2. Setting emission reduction targets, 3. Develop a local action plan, 4. Implement the local action plan, and 5. Monitor and verification guidelines. The Town has completed the first three milestones.
 - It was suggested that the current Climate Change Plan be revamped to follow the PCP framework and to better reflect changes to date
 - Kayla and Levi are working together to determine the source and the validity of the greenhouse gas emissions corporate data
- iii. Public Education Session on Energy Upgrades
- A student has expressed interest in doing a placement with CARP and was presented this project idea. Mr. Cliche indicated that CARP is waiting for confirmation.
- iv. Renewable Energy Device Installation Bylaw
- Ms. Winsor revisited the bylaw and made suggestions, changes, and additions to the appendix.
 - It was noted that heat pumps are not considered renewable energy devices, rather they are an energy efficient option.
 - NSDOE (NS Department of Environment) will be launching new Provincial program to help fund solar projects, shared solar program, flexible for installations on public and private lands. More information will be available this summer.
- v. Rare lichen discovery letter of support
- A draft was circulated prior to meeting, discussion held, noting that it's not really a letter of support, rather a letter of recognition and opinion
 - Mr. Cliche will investigate PID (premises identification) number(s) to include in the letter
 - Committee members were invited to review the letter and submit input to Chair Bottomley. Once complete the letter will be forwarded to identified parties and copied to Council.

11. Correspondence

- i. Coastal Protection Act Regulations
- For information purposes, Committee members were encouraged to review the regulations, and it was noted that there is an open consultation process for those interested.
- ii. Clean Ocean Action Committee (COAC)

- COAC has expressed serious concerns regarding the development of offshore energy projects. Committee members to review the information presented and will draft letter of support at next meeting.

12. **Next Meeting Date:** April 27, 2022

13. **Adjournment**

It was regularly moved to adjourn at 3:30pm

Chair Bottomley

Recording Secretary Krista Grear