

**Environment Advisory Committee
APPROVED MINUTES
April 27, 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, Mayor Amery Boyer, County Councillor Clyde Barteaux, Sandi Millett-Campbell, CAO, Climate Change Intern Kayla Winsor, and Recording Secretary Krista Gear
3. Regrets	Levi Cliche, Susan Jost
4. Additions to the Agenda	New business: 9 i. MAMP kickoff meeting – municipal asset management planning 9 ii. Green Fund grant
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2022-04-27-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried
Edits to the Minutes	Ensure the use of past tense in minutes. First section: Insert A before FRA. Third bullet on page 2: Insert and, to read to determine the source and the validity. Section containing heat pumps: pluralize the word device.
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #EAC2022-04-27-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the minutes, with corrections, of March 23, 2022. Motion carried

7. Presentations

8. Public Input

9. New Business

i. MAMP kickoff meeting

- It was noted that the Town’s application for \$50,000 in Municipal Asset Management Program funding was successful
- Mayor Boyer attended the kickoff meeting and noted that it was an interesting meeting with lots of talking about infrastructure and climate change. Mayor Boyer shared the work of this committee and the FRA, as well as that the Town received a \$25,000 grant for an engineering study.
- It was suggested the Town proceed to tender and that the AIMS group will review the information gathered to investigate additional options for future grants. It was also noted that AIMS may apply for the tender. AIMS noted that it is pleased to know that this committee has regional collaboration and said that the Town and Committee are at the forefront of this type of work in the Province.

- Discussion held regarding processes for approvals for moving forward, noting that approvals may be required from various levels of government, Town, County, Mi'kmaw, etc.
- ii. Green Fund
- NSFM sustainable communities challenge fund was announced January 17, 2022, as part of the Green Fund Investment
 - It was noted that the current small scale community tidal project is funded through NSFM. It was noted that the Town will follow up with Kentville Investments (Town of Kentville) and Town of Digby regarding their interest or participation in the tidal project
- Action:** investigate opportunities, deadlines, and eligibility for NSFM grant(s)
Responsibility: Committee
Date: May 25

10. Business Arising:

- i. Sea Level Rise
- Mayor Boyer has proofread and made suggested edits, this version will be forwarded to Chair Bottomley for final edits and formatting
 - The FRA executive summary will be forwarded to the Council as an update to Council
- ii. Draft Climate Change Plan Update
- Miss Winsor noted that she continues to dissect the previous Climate Change Plan and reconfigure the flow, creating subsections and formatting for ease of reading. She will be meeting with CAO Millett-Campbell to review the format. It was noted that the plan from 2012 is no longer viable for the Town; it can be updated in its current PCP format, but rather format and update so that it doesn't conform to PCP format, thus allowing greater freedom to create the most appropriate plan for the Town.
 - It was further noted that the Town is approved at milestone 3 by PCP. To get milestone 4 approval there would need to be some analysis and assessments performed and benchmarks need would need to be re-established. Miss Winsor noted that milestones 4 and 5 evaluate and outline how the Town would be applying the Plan. It would also need to go to FCM for approval, as well as Council. It was also noted that CARP has done a significant amount of analysis and assessment on Town buildings which could be applied towards milestone 4, but there are other pieces that would need to be done such as community engagement
- iii. Public Education Session on Energy Upgrades
- In Mr. Cliche's absence, Miss Winsor noted that CARP did get approval for a summer intern who will be working with both her and Mr. Cliche
- iv. Renewable Energy Device Installation By-law

- It was noted that this by-law was brought forward to review, approve, and recommend to Council. The proposed changes were reviewed, and appendix A completed (it had been blank previously). Some formatting suggestions were made, Miss Winsor noted these suggestions and will make the updates and revisions

MOTION #EAC2022-04-27-03

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend to Council to proceed to first reading of the updated Renewable Energy Device by-law. **Motion carried.**

- v. Clean Ocean Action Committee, Letter of Support
 - Chair Bottomley will review the recent article on lack of legislation in Coastal Protection Act. Item will be review and reassessed, and it deemed appropriate, it will be added to a future agenda

Action: Review Coastal Protection Act article

Responsibility: Chair Bottomley

Date: May 25

11. Correspondence

- i. None

12. Next Meeting Date: May 25, 2022

13. Adjournment

MOTION #EAC2022-04-27-04

It was regularly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 pm

Chair Bottomley

Recording Secretary Krista Grear