

Environment Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
October 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

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| 1. Call to Order | Chair Bottomley called the meeting to order at 2:00 |
| 2. Present | John Bottomley (Chair), Councillor Paula Hafting, Mayor Amery Boyer, Sandi Millett-Campbell, CAO, Climate Change Intern Kayla Winsor, County Councillor Clyde Barteaux, Levi Cliche, and Recording Secretary Krista Grear |
| 3. Regrets | Starr Cardwell, Susan Jost |
| 4. Additions to the Agenda | |
| 5. Approval of the Agenda | MOTION #EAC2022-10-16-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried |
| Edits to the Minutes | |
| 6. Approval of the Minutes | MOTION #EAC2022-10-26-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the minutes of September 28, 2022. Motion carried |

7. **Presentations** none

8. **Public Input** none

9. **New Business**

- i. Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

CAO Millett-Campbell shared with the Committee that this funding opportunity will be coming up soon and municipalities will be eligible to apply. The Committee is encouraged to think of some ideas, such as a solar garden. It was noted that it will be good to know when this will be opening and the granting maximum. CAO Millett-Campbell also noted that she has applied for a grant for EV charging stations for the minimum of 10 charging stations. She further noted that the Net Zero grant has been received and read.

- ii. Membership and appointments

CAO Millett-Campbell noted that all committee appointments are done in December and that members willing to stay for another year and/or term should submit their interest.

10. **Business Arising:**

- iii. Draft Climate Change Plan Update

Climate Change Intern Kayla Winsor noted that she met last week with Mayor Boyer, Chair Bottomley and CAO Millett-Campbell and went through the entire plan having good discussion and defining minor edits and changes. It will be completed

by tomorrow by noon and it will be presented at the Committee of the Whole on November 7 and then forwarded to Council for approval in November or December.

iv. Noxious Weed List

Winsor compiled a noxious weed list last month based on the list from the Province of Nova Scotia. She will be putting them into a similar format as invasive species and including them in the Invasive Species by-law.

v. Aerial spraying updates

Discussion held stemming from the Province's response to the letter from the County of Annapolis. County Councillor Barteaux noted that the Province response only stated what they were doing, i.e. issue permits for spraying on private land. Barteaux noted that apparently, PEI has stopped aerial spraying and that there is a need to keep on the Province with continued inquiries and requests. The Province doesn't allow aerial spraying on Crown Lands. It was noted that there are other countries (in Europe) where glyphosate has been limited or banned. It was also noted that there's supposed to be public notification and signs posted of approved/proposed aerial spraying, which has not been sufficient. It was further noted that the Province doesn't look for species of concern, rather it relies on citizens to find and report these. Additionally, it was noted that Quebec banned glyphosate in 2001 and replaced it with forest thinning crews.

MOTION #EAC2022-10-26-03

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend to Council to request a moratorium on aerial spraying until a formal report on the net benefits or net losses of such activity to the residents of Nova Scotia can be obtained by requisition of the provincial government. **Motion carried.**

It was determined to send the letter to Premier Houston, Minister Halman and the County Warden.

Municipalities can make by-laws to restrict or ban the use of pesticides should they so choose. Currently there are no domestic regulations on RoundUp other than the 2011 decision that it could only be used for noxious and invasive weeds not for aesthetic purposes.

11. Correspondence none

12. Next Meeting Date: November 23, 2022

13. Adjournment at 2:49 pm

It was regularly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 pm