

**Environment Advisory Committee
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
September 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order	Chair Bottomley called the meeting to order at 2:04
2. Present	John Bottomley (Chair), Councillor Paula Hafting, Mayor Amery Boyer, Starr Cardwell, Sandi Millett-Campbell, CAO, Climate Change Intern Kayla Winsor, and Recording Secretary Krista Gear
3. Regrets	County Councillor Clyde Barteaux, Levi Cliche, Susan Jost
4. Additions to the Agenda	
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2022-09-28-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried
Edits to the Minutes	
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #EAC2022-09-28-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the minutes of July 27, 2022 with corrections to be submitted by Mayor Boyer. Motion carried

7. Presentations

8. Public Input

9. New Business

i. Noxious Weed Control Act

The Committee discussed the potential need to review this for future implications. It was noted that at the previous Council meeting, the definition of a noxious weed was requested. It was further noted that the Committee may want to consider some education around this and perhaps a new, or addition to an existing, policy or by-law (e.g., the invasive species by-law) (noxious – weeds that can threaten agriculture, animals, and human health). It was also noted that whatever gets added to policy or by-law, the Town needs to have resources to deal with/enforce the policy or by-law. The Committee determined the need to wait to see what gets put on the noxious weed list and then see what, if any action needs to be taken. Additionally, it was noted that although there is no agricultural land within Town limits, much of the Town is adjacent to agricultural lands.

Action: reach out to Policy and Corporate Services Department of Agriculture to obtain noxious weed list

Responsibility: Kayla Winsor

Date: October

- ii. **Moratorium on Aerial Spraying**
Council forwarded this item and is seeking direction from the Committee. Brief discussion held noting that spraying may occur close to people's homes and over watersheds, and other areas of concern. It was noted by some Committee members that the Forest Industry uses glyphosate spray to kill off deciduous trees (to harvest monoculture forests), but that it also damages habitats, displaces species, wrecks biodiversity, and others noted that they don't know enough about glyphosate and would like to hear from experts.

It was noted that the pesticide, Round-up has limitations on its use by consumers and that the Committee would like to seek out clarification about this.

It was mentioned that there is likely no direct effect on the Town due to no forestry in Town, but secondary effects may occur (e.g., polluted waterways, soil, groundwater, etc.)

Action: confirm whether letter refers to glyphosate or all aerial herbicides/pesticides

Responsibility: CAO

Date: October

10. **Business Arising:**

- iii. **Draft Climate Change Plan Update**

Kayla Winsor noted that the draft is not fully complete and asked the Committee if it recommend incorporating a background piece, methodology piece, social, economic and environmental impacts? She further gave overview of the Plan noting that there is a blank page held as a space for a thought from each Committee member should they so choose and that there is a gap in the timeline 2009-2014 and is looking for something to put in there if there is anything.

Committee members stated that they love the layout, it is eye catching with good images and pictures. Kayla Winsor stated that she wanted it to be an engaging document.

Additional comments and notes regarding the Plan include:

- Kayla Winsor to get an editable version to Mayor Boyer
- Chair Bottomley noted that there are likely more accurate projections, and he will send to Kayla
- Under sea level rise or health and safety to possibly include hurricane/severe storms and/or refer to REMO plan
- Step by step plan will need a point person to implement
- Committee members to send items to Kayla
- Chair Bottomley to help develop monitoring plan/KPI

iv. Climate Change Intern Extension

CAO Millett-Campbell stated that this position has been extended to December and that additional money from grants has allowed for the three-month extension. She further noted that with the extension to be able to get into the school as was part of the original grant application. There will also be a meeting with the Province and County regarding a dyke program, update to follow.

v. Clean Ocean Action Committee, Letter of Support

It was noted that this letter is regarding the Nova Scotia Coastal Protection Act. Committee agreed to send Chair Bottomley's comments forward regarding these draft regulations as there may be implications for the Town.

In the correspondence it notes that the Province will not put undue pressure on municipal units and Mayor Boyer noted that the Town has been consulted more frequently of late.

Action: Forward Chair Bottomley's remarks as feedback

Responsibility: Staff/John

Date: October

vi. Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program Funding

The Town received letter of approval for \$43,000, matching half to the \$25,000 engineering grant. CAO Millett-Campbell reached out AIM to do some additional research and AIM will provide project line and costing (the \$32,000 that Council set aside for this is now not needed and goes back into general operating budget)

11. Correspondence

vii. Home Flood Protection Research Paper

From insurance industry for information purposes. Chair Bottomley noted that he will download the research paper to review to determine if it contains useful information for climate change plan, community education, etc.

Chair Bottomley thanks Kayla Winsor for organizing the community clean-up and the photo being used in the climate change plan. It was suggested to organize another for lower St. George St. area.

12. Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2022

13. Adjournment

It was regularly moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10

John Bottomley, Chair

Krista Gear, Recording