

Environment Advisory Committee
APPROVED MINUTES
January 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	Chair Bottomley called the meeting to order at 2:03
2. Present	John Bottomley (Chair), Councillor Paula Hafting, Mayor Amery Boyer, Sandi Millett-Campbell, CAO, Starr Cardwell, Stephen Hawboldt, Levi Cliche, and Recording Secretary Krista Grear
3. Regrets	County Councillor Clyde Barteaux, Susan Jost
4. Additions to the Agenda	New Business: 9. iii. Climate Champions 9. iv. E-Scooters 9. v. Town updates
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2023-01-25-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried
Edits to the Minutes	Levi Cliche noted that he was present as was Mayor Boyer
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #EAC2023-01-25-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the minutes of October 26, 2022 with corrections. Motion carried.

7. **Presentations - none**

8. **Public Input - none**

9. **New Business**

- i. Welcome new and returning members.

Chair Bottomley welcomes new member Stephen Hawboldt noting that he was the founding executive director of the Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) and has been involved in Town climate change activities and planning.

- ii. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Call for the role of Chair was made three times. John Bottomley was nominated, and he accepted. John Bottomley was acclaimed as Chair.

Call for the role of Vice Chair was made three times. Levi Cliche was nominated, and he accepted, he also noted that he is often away and may not be available as needed. Councillor Hafting was nominated. She noted that Council has recommended that Council members not be Chair or Vice Chair, and politely declines. Levi Cliche was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

iii. Rain and Compost Barrel sales opportunity

CAO Millett Campbell noted that this information was sent in by Deputy Mayor Power who thought that it should be brought to this committee. A brief discussion held noting benefits and challenges of such a project.

Action: investigate outcomes of Granville Hall rain barrel sales and what the cost/profit of this new program would be.

Responsibility: Starr Cardwell

Date: February

iv. Climate Champions

Stephen Hawboldt noted that what United church is doing to reach net zero is pretty amazing, and that if one walks through town one will see a lot of solar panels going up. He suggests that perhaps there is there some way to recognize climate champions where people could apply or be nominated. CAO Millett-Campbell noted that a few years ago the Town did this for heritage properties and gave out awards during Natal Day festivities.

Action: Taskforce be struck to investigate and prepare a plan

Responsibility: Stephen Hawboldt

Date: February

v. E-Scooters

Stephen Hawboldt noted that Nova Scotia has changed the Motor Vehicle Act to allow e-scooters (e.g. Segway which can go up to 35 km/hr) on roads, but municipalities have the authority to enact by-laws regarding e-scooters, defining them as not motorized vehicles and allow/or not allow them on roads, trails, etc. Committee to investigate (watch what Halifax is doing) the changes and regulations and determine what may need to be done.

10. **Business Arising:**

vi. Invasive Alien Species, addition of Noxious Weed List

MOTION #EAC2023-01-25-03

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend to Council to accept the Invasive Alien Species Policy #2023-04 with the updated appendix of noxious weeds. **Motion carried.**

vii. Updates from Town Hall

CAO Millett-Campbell noted that the Town received the sea level rise report which is going to Council to review and will be on the EAC agenda next month and that the engineering firm also agreed to participate in the public consultation.

11. **Correspondence**

viii. Climate Change Risk Report

For Committee review and reference. It was noted that the report was underwhelming but the Town should be in a good position. It was noted that the Committee will keep monitoring the report for updates. It was noted that it appears to be a repeat of what has been in previous reports, that it doesn't identify priorities for the province and that the Province didn't invite any feedback in the process of developing it.

12. **Next Meeting Date:** March 22, 2023

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm

John Bottomley, Chair

Krista Gear, Recording Secretary