

Environment Advisory Committee  
APPROVED MINUTES  
June 28, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Vice Chair Cliche called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm
<b>2. Present</b>	Levi Cliche Vice Chair, Councillor Paula Hafting, Sandi Millett-Campbell, CAO, Starr Cardwell, Stephen Hawboldt, Mayor Boyer, and Recording Secretary Krista Gear (Geraldine Kenny)
<b>3. Regrets</b>	
<b>4. Additions to the Agenda</b>	3.iii. Election of Chair
<b>5. Approval of the Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION #EAC2023-06-28-01</b> It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with addition. <b>Motion carried</b>
<b>Edits to the Minutes</b>	
<b>6. Approval of the Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION #EAC2023-06-28-02</b> It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the minutes of April 25, 2023. <b>Motion carried.</b>

1. Presentations: none

2. Public Input: none

3. New Business

i. Resignation

Mayor Boyer dropped a letter of thanks and John said he would remain on as a consultant. Mayor Boyer did mention that she would like to organize a small reception at her home (as a citizen, not the Mayor), once confirmed, committee members will be invited.

ii. FoodCycle Science

Councillor Hafting gave an overview of the presentation that was made to Council. A 12-week pilot project requiring a minimum of 50 units at a discounted rate which would require a minimum of \$5000 contribution from the Town. Mayor Boyer shared a letter received from Valley Waste. Valley Waste is doing waste stream costing. Mayor Boyer would like to see the green cone brought back and would like to see the committee look at various options. Member Hawboldt noted he would like to see Valley Waste produce diversion rates and marketing to encourage people to properly sort/separate better/properly. A vermiculture discussion was held and perhaps include a garden club. Chair Cliche to check with his compost person about running a workshop.

iii. Election of Chair

Discussion held noting the need to recruit a chair and additional members. Chair Cliche noted that he can't be at every meeting due to work projects – but can chair

meetings when available. Member Cardwell noted that she can help to chair meetings when available. CAO Millett-Campbell has been talking with County CAO regarding having one joint Town-County environment committee.

**4. Business Arising:**

i. Response to Aerial Spray Letter

It was noted that it was a weak/nonresponse. Discussion held noting that some members feel it may be a fruitless effort to send a reply. Member Hawboldt noted that it was accepted in the law in the USA that glyphosate does indeed cause cancer. Mayor Boyer is willing to draft and send a strong response.

ii. Rain and Compost Barrel updates

Member Cardwell noted that she had met with Home Hardware and they are not particularly interested in the program, reasoning that they are bulky and have no place to store them. Perhaps there is some other business that would be interested in partnering for this project. CARP can provide an article for the Town Crier regarding benefits of rain barrels as they are working on a storm water program.

iii. Climate Champion updates

Council voted for the EAC to proceed with the development of an awards concept. Member Hawboldt to take the lead on this.

iv. Updates from Council

The hot issue is the seawall. Mayor Boyer and CAO Millett-Campbell will be attending a meeting regarding the seawall report and there will be a public meeting in September with AIMS who noted the final draft report should be ready by December. AIMS will be conducting drilling to determine the type of land beneath the waterfront. Ducks Unlimited was consulted and is interested in offsets and offset funding. Chair Cliche noted there may be other options/partners to consider.

Mayor Boyer noted that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities requires inclusion of return on investment (ROI) for feasibility study for the tidal pilot project. This is to be a third party review and they have found three companies who could potentially conduct the study. Two additional funding sources are being investigated with the potential to have entire feasibility study funded.

A letter has been sent to NS Power and Department of Transportation to inquire about the future of the causeway.

**5. Correspondence**

i. Nova Scotia Critical Minerals Strategy

Discussion held. Member Hawboldt to help draft a response letter.

- ii. Government of Canada Disaster Risk Assessment  
For information purposes. Brief discussion held noting to get a copy of the report and determine if there is anything to which the Committee and/or Town need to respond.
- iii. Gulf of Main Awards  
For information purposes.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

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Levi Cliche, Vice Chair

Krista Grear, Recording Secretary