

**Environment Advisory Committee Meeting
 Approved Minutes
 March 8, 2024 at 9:30 am**

1. Call to Order	Chair Cardwell called the meeting to order at 9:30 am
2. Present	Chair Starr Cardwell, Vice Chair Spencer Reynolds (virtual), Levi Cliche (virtual), Stephen Hawboldt, Mayor Boyer, Councillor Paula Hafting, Mike Bernard, CAO Millett-Campbell, and Recording Secretary Kim Dunning
3. Regrets	None
4. Additions to Agenda	10. New Business i. Nova Scotia Coastal Plan
5. Approval of Agenda	MOTION #EAC2024-03-08-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	None
6. Approval of Minutes	MOTION #EAC2024-03-08-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of February 9, 2024 as presented. Motion carried.

7. Presentations

None

8. Public Input

None

9. New Business

i. Nova Scotia Coastal Plan

Stephen Hawboldt shared an additional document regarding this subject (Flood risk mapping is a public good, so why the public resistance in Canada? From the publication THE CONVERSATION). Mayor Boyer advised that the new plan from the Province includes a list of tools municipalities can use. Recommendation to review the two documents and include this on the next Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) agenda. Vice Chair Reynolds added that there are two options; firstly, do we respond by expressing our disappointment with the abandonment of the Coastal Protection Act, and/or do we review what needs to be done? Vice Chair Reynolds added that there is a need to consider both. Chair Starr asked for a volunteer to compose a letter and Mayor Boyer recommended contacting the County to see if they would like to work with the Town on a response. It was agreed that the County should be contacted to see if it is willing to be involved in a joint letter from the Town and County.

ACTION: Add to EAC April agenda for further discussion

NAME: Recording Secretary Dunning

DATE: April 4, 2024

ACTION: Connect with the County to establish if it wishes to be involved in a joint letter

NAME: CAO Millett-Campbell

DUE: April 4, 2024

ACTION: Review the Coastal Plan and other documents to determine if there are any gaps for the Town and suggest what actions or steps the Town needs to take in view of the abandonment of the Coastal Protection Act.

NAME: CAO Millett-Campbell and Mayor Boyer

DUE: April 4, 2024

10. Unfinished Business

- i. Annapolis Royal Flood Risk Assessment and Adaption Concepts – Ducks Unlimited Update

Mayor Boyer advised that the letter hasn't been sent out regarding the marsh restoration projects suggested by the Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network as she was waiting on a ballpark estimate of costs for some of the projects mentioned in the report. Recommendation from EAC was to send the letter out now, and Mayor Boyer will compose and send it out to EAC for member review/input.

ACTON: Draft letter to Ducks Unlimited

NAME: Mayor Boyer

DUE: April 4, 2024

- ii. Home Resources Kit – Update

Councillor Hafting has spoken to the Director of Municipal Operations and Development Ken Knox regarding the two questions asked during the previous meeting - where removed snow is taken to and where does the water go from flat roof buildings and parking lots. For the snow, it has been taken to the back of the fire hall where there is a dumping zone for snow. With respect to the rainwater, CAO Millett-Campbell stated that currently, there is a good balance of rainwater on Lower St. George St., and the Town does need some flow of rainwater into the sewage system. The Town is not currently aware of the capacity of the sewer treatment plant and is taking steps to find out what capacity we have.

Levi Cliche added that information on the Home Resources Kit has been sent to the Bridgetown Reader for inclusion.

- iii. Plant Based Treaty

Mayor Boyer advised that she has received a second request for the adoption of this treaty and wanted to know how EAC wishes to proceed. After discussion, it was

agreed that this treaty is not relevant to the Town and there are more important issues that need to be dealt with. Mayor Boyer will respond that EAC will not be proceeding with adoption of the Treaty.

ACTION: Respond that EAC will not proceed with a recommendation for adoption of the Treaty

NAME: Mayor Boyer

DUE: April 4, 2024

iv. Gulf of Maine Council 2024 Awards

Stephen Hawboldt discussed this during the previous EAC meeting and added that nominations for this award are due at the end of March 2024. Stephen Hawboldt asked if anyone had any nominations for individuals or organizations that they would like to put forward and offered help if needed. Mayor Boyer recommended the Solar Garden project as an option, and the question was asked who would make the nomination, as EAC and the Town would not be able to. Vice Chair Reynolds added that nominating this project might help secure more funding. After further discussion it was agreed to discuss it next year when environmental projects such as the Town's Solar Garden will be further along.

11. Correspondence

- i. Lichen Camp
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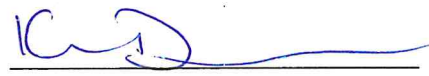
12. Next Meeting

April 12, 2024 at 9:30 am

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.


Starr Cardwell, Chair


Kim Dunning, Recording Secretary

