

**Environment Advisory Committee Meeting
 Approved Minutes
 September 13, 2024 at 9:30 am**

1. Call to Order	Chair Starr Cardwell called the meeting to order at 9:37 am
2. Present	Chair Starr Cardwell, Levi Cliché, Climate Lead Cassidy Walker (via zoom), Councillor Paula Hafting, Mike Bernard, and Recording Secretary Kim Dunning
3. Regrets	Mayor Amery Boyer, Vice Chair Spencer Reynolds, Stephen Hawboldt and CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell
4. Additions to Agenda	None
5. Approval of Agenda	MOTION #EAC2024-09-13-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	None
6. Approval of Minutes	MOTION #EAC2024-09-13-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of July 5, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

7. Presentations
None

8. Public Input
None

9. New Business

Downtown Sidewalk Clean Up

Councillor Hafting apologized that she hasn't arranged a volunteer group to clean the sidewalk. Levi Cliché added that they have been in contact with a group who does this on a regular basis, and suggested contacting them to see if they would take this on. They will email them to see if this is possible. Another idea was to speak to Public Works to see if there is any way for the cigarette receptacles to be used more. Another idea is to add the public litter campaign to the Climate Conference in November and include general cleanliness of the town.

ACTION: Public litter campaign, and/or general cleanliness of the town to be added to the Climate Conference

NAME: Climate Lead Walker

DUE: September 30, 2024

ACTION: Will contact the volunteer group to see if they can clean Downtown sidewalk

NAME: Levi Cliché

DUE: September 30, 2024

10. Unfinished Business

- i. Public Engagement Suggestions/Meeting - Update
Climate Lead Walker advised that this meeting was originally scheduled for September 19, 2024, and will need to move to the following week due to Town Election meetings, and they are waiting for confirmation of the new date. Town of Middleton will still hold their meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. Chair Cardwell asked who will be attending, and Climate Lead Walker responded that anyone that is interested can attend. They also added that Efficiency Nova Scotia will be attending. Chair Cardwell asked if any public awareness has been done, and Climate Lead Walker responded that they need to have a date set up before announcements are sent out. Options are MailChimp to distribute the poster and sharing on Facebook.

- ii. Nova Scotia Coastal Plan – Terms of Reference
Levi Cliché is concerned about their capacity to lead this item, and there is an option to offer someone from Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) whose position has been extended to March 2025. They were not sure if their suggestion is comfortable leading this committee, but have checked and they are happy to be on this committee and provide support. Levi Cliché added that they have been advised that the province is putting some mock-up by-laws for coastal management, and not sure of their timeline and should be on EAC's radar. In the meantime, can ask the person to take on the work that needs to be done in October. Levi Cliché added there might be the possibility of joining forces with other organizations regarding funds/grants being available.

Climate Lead Walker added that there are Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants available and will share the link.

Levi Cliché added that it would be a good idea to have scheduled meetings once this committee has been set up and there is always the option of adding additional meetings as needed.

ACTION: Share link
NAME: Climate Lead Walker
DUE: September 30, 2024

- iii. Climate Conference - Update
Climate Lead Walker advised that there hasn't been a large update, and the next steps are to secure the venue, and reach out to other organizations to attend. Recommendation to compile a list of names and share within EAC, Climate Lead Walker will create a document and share with EAC to add names to save duplicating

names and time. Recommendation of using the Gym, Band room, Dugua room and Innovation Lab on November 2, 2024 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Recording Secretary Dunning will check to see if these are available. Climate Lead Walker advised that Weymouth Falls are hosting their own Climate Conference the week before November 2, 2024.

ACTION: Check availability of gym, Dugua room, music room and Innovation Lab

NAME: Recording Secretary Dunning

DUE: September 30, 2024

11. Correspondence

None

12. Next Meeting

October 11, 2024 at 9:30 am

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am

for 
Starr Cardwell, Chair


Kim Dunning, Recording Secretary

