

**Environment Advisory Committee Meeting
 Approved Minutes
 February 11, 2026 at 3:00 pm**

1. Call to Order	Chair Bernard called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm
2. Present	Chair Mike Bernard, Climate Lead Genevieve Beaulac (virtual), Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson (virtual), Stephen Hawboldt, Geraldine Kenny (virtual), Levi Cliche (virtual) joined at 3:33 pm, Gillian Kerr (virtual), CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell and Recording Secretary Kim Dunning Member of the Public: Kathy Brooks and Roger Lindala
3. Regrets	None
4. Absent	None
5. Additions to Agenda	11. ii. New Business: Forestry meeting – Mickey Hill
6. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2026-2-11-01 Regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the above addition by unanimous consent. Motion carried.
7. Disclosure of conflict of interest issues	None
Edits to the Minutes	None
8. Approval of Minutes	MOTION #EAC2026-02-11-02 Regularly moved and seconded approval of the minutes of January 14, 2026, as presented by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

9. Presentations
None

10. Public Input
None

11. New Business

- i. Gulf of Maine Council 2026 Awards – Call for nominations
Stephen Hawboldt gave an overview of what the Gulf of e Council Awards are and added that there are individual and group awards available. They would like to nominate the Town of Annapolis Royal for the Gulf of Maine Council 2026 award. Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson suggested Scotian Shores, as they are doing great work. Gillian Kerr added that they know Scotian Shores have already been nominated by others and will find out if the Town can nominate a group. Stephen Hawboldt added that the main requirement/focus is that they must be within the Bay of Fundy.

ACTION: Look into what the procedure is to support Scotian Shore for an award

NAME: Gillian Kerr

DUE: March 1, 2026

- ii. Forestry Meeting – Mickey Hill
Geraldine Kenny advised that the Friends of Mickey Hill are arranging a forestry meeting at the United Church in the Town on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. They added are going to contact the Friends of Mickey Hill to see if MLA Bowlby is invited.

12. Unfinished Business

- i. Letter to Minister Kim Masland – Ratify motion

MOTION #EAC 2026-02-11-03

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) ratify the electronic vote that was emailed out on Thursday, January 15, 2026 that Council approve the letter to Minister Masland regarding the High Production Forest Activities around Mickey Hill Provincial Park and Lambs Lake Preserve. **Motion carried.**

ii. Committee Members

Chair Mike Bernard advised that Kathy Brooks is attending the meeting as a member of the public to see if they are interested in joining this committee. Everyone on the committee gave a brief introduction to Kathy Brooks. CAO Millett-Campbell added that if Kathy Brooks would like to join this committee to email them directly.

iii. Town Clean-up

Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson would like this to be added to the March agenda.

ACTION: Add to the March EAC agenda

NAME: Recording Secretary Dunning

DUE: March 1, 2026

iv. Annapolis Joint Climate Change Action Plan (JCCAP) Update

Genevieve Beaulac gave an update on the Joint Community Climate Action Plan (JCCAP) – What We Heard:

- Community Climate Capacity Program is currently running from 2024-2027 and currently 28 communities are involved
- They are working with the Town of Annapolis Royal, Town of Middleton and the County of Annapolis on the JCCAP
- The four goals were public input, climate vulnerabilities, awareness, and collaboration
- Community events were held in Annapolis Royal and the Annapolis River Festival (November 2024 and July 2025)
- Public Engagement. This included a Community Climate Survey, Stakeholder Technical Workshop and Community Mapping Open Houses
- Online Survey, and this was open from February 25 to March 17, 2025
- Stakeholder Technical Workshop held on November 27, 2025 in the Town of Middleton
- Mapping Sessions were available for drop-in
- Community Climate Survey Results
- Community Mapping Session
- Participation (how many people attended various events)

- Over-arching Themes (flooding, wildfire, erosion and drought). More updates to follow
- Emerging Themes (pests & disease, renewable energy, communication & collaboration and planning)
- Key takeaways (support for JCCAP, consistent communications, prioritize ongoing public engagement, early implementation and high impact actions and reporting back to the community)
- Next steps (consider initial public feedback, emissions inventories and climate risk studies, draft potential action for JCCAP, Spring 2026 engagement, present draft JCCAP to Council, incorporate feedback and engagement results, finalize plan and begin plan implementation process).

Geraldine Kenny asked about emissions and asked Genevieve Beaulac to give more information about this. Genevieve Beaulac responded that they are trying to find out a way to get an inventory of greenhouse gases, how big the fleet is, etc. Geraldine Kenny also asked about the 'Idle No More' program if this could be an option, and Stephen Hawboldt responded that Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) had done a Greenhouse Survey for the Town of Annapolis Royal and Middleton previously. CAO Millett-Campbell added that the Town does have a no-idling policy in effect since 2009. Geraldine Kenny asked if the Town had any signs with no idling, and CAO Millett-Campbell responded that no there aren't any signs in the Town, as there aren't enough staff to enforce this. They also added that the policy is on the website. It was agreed to add this to the next EAC meeting for further discussion. Chair Bernard also had concerns regarding enforcing this as the Town doesn't have the capacity, and Geraldine Kenny added that the signs were put up in other locations for community awareness.

ACTION: Add signage for no-idling to March EAC agenda
NAME: Recording Secretary Dunning
DUE: March 1, 2026

Ad-hoc

Stephen Hawboldt would like to promote the EV charging stations

and if the Town would be able to contact accommodation businesses to include this information in their documentation. CAO Millett-Campbell advised that they have had previous conversations with the Explorer Guide, and that the two newer EV chargers installed by NS Power are being promoted by NS Power. They added that information regarding these were previously shared, and the feedback was that the businesses should receive financial support for sharing this information. CAO Millett-Campbell suggested including in the newsletter and advised that Nova Scotia Power will be placing signage for the EVs around Town.

ACTION: Investigate if the Explorer can promote the EV chargers
NAME: CAO Millett-Campbell
DUE: March 1, 2026

ACTION: Include in the Town's Newsletter
NAME: Recording Secretary Dunning
DUE: February 23, 2026

13. Correspondence:

None.

14. Next Meeting

March 11, 2026 at 3:00 pm

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.



Chair
Mike Bernard



Recording Secretary
Kim Dunning

