

**Environment Advisory Committee Meeting
 Approved Minutes
 April 8, 2026 at 3:03 pm**

1. Call to Order	Chair Bernard called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm
2. Present	Chair Mike Bernard, Climate Lead Genevieve Beaulac, Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson (virtual), Gillian Kerr (virtual), Stephen Hawboldt, Kathy Brooks, CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell and Recording Secretary Kim Dunning Member of the Public: Roger Lindala
3. Regrets	Geraldine Kenny
4. Absent	Levi Cliche
5. Additions to Agenda	11. New Business ii. Advocacy 12. Unfinished Business v. Wharf Update, vi. Gulf of Maine Awards, viii. Mickey Hill Provincial Park
6. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #EAC2026-04-08-01 Regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the above additions as presented by unanimous consent. Motion carried.
7. Disclosure of conflict of interest issues	None
Edits to the Minutes	Chair Bernard advised that on page five, fifth line down charges should be chargers.
8. Approval of Minutes	MOTION #EAC2026-04-08-02 Regularly moved and seconded approval of the minutes of February 11, 2026, with the above change by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

9. Presentations

Chair Bernard asked why the presentation that was previously discussed didn't happen, and it was explained that presentations are

allocated 10 minutes to talk and then five minutes for questions. This wasn't sufficient time for the presentation in question as they require 40 minutes. Gillian Kerr would like to add to the next agenda a discussion on Day Workshops. CAO Millett-Campbell advised that if this Committee wanted to have the presentation on Connecting Forests and Carbon to Our Warming Climate, they would need to take this on themselves as this would be separate from an EAC meeting. Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson suggested asking the Fire Department to present also.

ACTION: Add Day Workshop to May agenda

NAME: Recording Secretary Dunning

DUE: May 1, 2026

10. Public Input

Roger Lindala suggested the presenter could attend before the EAC meeting started. Climate Lead Beaulac added that they had two Councillors from Middleton asking about forest fires.

11. New Business

i. Welcome New Committee Member

Chair Bernard welcomed Kathy Brooks to the Committee.

ii. Advocacy

Gillian Kerr advised that during August 6 to 9, 2026 there is a festival in Tatamagouche, and they will share the information with this Committee.

They would also like some advice on how they can make responses outside of the Town. CAO Millett-Campbell responded that the EAC Committee is an advisory Committee and recommendations are sent up to Council for their review/approval. Council would decide how to approve. Within Town limits is what is a priority but will certainly support things in the County. Gillian Kerr asked for everyone to share with them other groups out there. CAO Millett-Campbell added that there is always the option

to promote and educate residents. Writing an article for the newsletter is also an option. Steve Hawboldt gave an example of a letter being sent out from all three municipalities regarding Mickey Hill and also asked if a response had been received back. CAO Millett-Campbell responded no. Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson added that Town Council can support writing letters but added that this may not enable change.

12. Unfinished Business

- i. Annapolis Joint Climate Change Action Plan (JCCAP) Update – Climate Lead Beaulac advised that they have complete the report and at the last EAC meeting they had given a presentation. Gillian Kerr asked if the statistical responses were small and asked what the credibility risks are? Steve Hawboldt responded that they may be high, and this may not be a complete reflection, and it is more of an indicator. Gillian Kerr responded that they should be cautious going forward and ensure good data reporting. CAO Millett-Campbell added that this is a joint action plan for three municipalities, and there is a separate appendix for each municipality.

They added that Climate Lead Beaulac next step is working with schools and this should be happening in April/May. A question was asked regarding the timeline, and Climate Lead Beaulac responded that it isn't set in stone, and there have been recent changes with staff at the CleanFoundation. CAO Millett-Campbell added that they have requested an extension of a year for this position, and having a dedicated person for the Town has been a real benefit. They are hoping to have the plan pulled together by Fall, and an engagement session in Spring. Chair Bernard asked if it would be CleanFoundation who would be making the presentation, and CAO Millett-Campbell responded yes, but the Annapolis County Inter-Municipal Working Group (ACIMWG) would review it first.

- ii. Town Clean-up – Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson
Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson advised that they will be taking a leave of absence for approximately six weeks. They would like

for someone else to take it on, and it will be added to May's genda.

ACTION: Add to May's agenda

NAME: Recording Secretary Dunning

DUE: May 1, 2026

iii. Idling Policy

Add to next meeting, as Geraldine Kenny was unable to attend. Steve Hawboldt added that a lot of the idling happens at the Post Office and this is private property.

iv. EV Chargers Update

CAO advised that this was included in the Explorer Guide.

v. Wharf Update

Steve Hawboldt asked if ParksCanada has given consent to enter the marsh from Queen Anne Wharf, and CAO Millett-Campbell responded no. A sill can be added to the Wharf, but they will not give access and construction is planned for the Fall.

vi. Gulf of Maine Awards

Steve Hawboldt has submitted a name and wanted to know what was happening with the one for Scotian Shores. Gillian Kerr responded that there have been various people involved and there have been questions regarding funding, so suggested leaving it until next year.

vii. Mickey Hill Provincial Park

It was shared that there will be a meeting at King's Theatre in the Town of Annapolis this weekend to discuss Mickey Hill. Steve Hawboldt added that there are possibilities of adding additional roads for uranium exploration. Chair Bernard added that they didn't think there was a huge response from industry regarding this, and Steve Hawboldt added that there was talk of hiring someone externally to complete the exploration.

Gillian left at 3:55 pm.

13. Correspondence:


None.

14. Next Meeting

May 13, 2026 at 3:00 pm

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.



Chair
Mike Bernard



Recording Secretary
Kim Dunning

