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Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

May 21st, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers – Town Hall

Committee and Staff Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Natalie Deveau, Chair
Chris Toner, Vice Chair
Billy Denault, Councillor
Barry Goodman, Committee Member
Ted Strike, Committee Member
Alexis Young, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

John Steckly, GM, Operations
Amy Dean, Environmental
Engineering Officer
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk

Committee Members Absent:

Ben Shearer, Committee Member

1. Call to Order

Natalie Deveau, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called, with all Members of the Committee being present except Ben Shearer.

3. Land Acknowledgment

Natalie Deveau, Chair, asked everyone to take a moment to acknowledge and show respect for the Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land we operate on, by stating:

“I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we work and gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinaabe People. This Algonquin Nation have lived on this land for thousands of years, long before the arrival of the European settlers, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.”

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution Number 008-24
Moved by Ted Strike
Seconded by Alexis Young

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, May 21st, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Billy Denault declared the following pecuniary interest on Item No. 7(b) on the May 21st, 2024 Environmental Advisory Committee agenda and stated the following:

“I am making this declaration because I engage in business activities related to lawn maintenance.”

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 009-24
Moved by Billy Denault
Seconded by Barry Goodman

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the April 15th, 2024 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

a) Delegation from the Carleton Place Environmental Advisory Committee

Colin MacDuff, Chair of the Carleton Place Environmental Advisory Committee, provided a PowerPoint Presentation, attached as Appendix A and forming a part of these minutes, and responded to questions.

Billy Denault left the Committee Table at 7:39 PM.

b) No Mow May Discussion

Amy Dean, Environmental Engineering Officer, and Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- Public safety considerations are an important aspect to consider (i.e. ticks) and long grass does not provide the best food source for pollinators in the spring months when compared with native plantings.

- Support was shared for the consideration of alternatives to No Mow May, including pollinator gardens and native plantings. Additional consideration should be given to the installation of pollinator gardens on public property (i.e. Town Hall gardens or median at Elgin Street West / Madawaska Street intersection). These installations should include public education signage with explanations about the benefits of the project(s) and with links to appropriate resources on the Town's website (i.e. via QR code).
- It is also important that public education be provided on pollinators and attending to noxious weeds on private property. Should pollinator-friendly policies be implemented, education materials on types of plants/flowers recommended and those prohibited would be beneficial.

Resolution Number 010-24
 Moved by Alexis Young
 Seconded by Ted Strike

That the Environmental Advisory Committee does not support the implementation of No Mow May in the Town of Arnprior; and

Further That alternate options to support pollinators be brought forward and considered by committee members in advance of Spring 2025.

Resolution Carried

Billy Denault returned to the Committee Table at 8:22 PM.

c) Proposed Climate Change Art Partnership

Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture / Curator, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- Committee members shared that they support the project proposal and look forward to engaging further in the project as it rolls out through the Arnprior and District Museum.

8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

a) Review Action Items Summary Table

Natalie Deveau, Chair, asked that the committee proceed through each item as listed on the Action Items Summary Table. Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the updates received:

Item	Comment / Update
1	Completed: The by-laws and policies were provided to committee members by email as requested on May 16 th , 2024.
3	Completed: The Great Arnprior Trash Hunt was a successful community event with over 70 participants and three (3) trailers of garbage materials collected and deposited at the Arnprior Waste Disposal Site. More findings will be shared as they become available and a revised list of areas of need will be developed accordingly.
7	Committee members should reach out to Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk, if they are planning to attend the Arnprior Sunday Market.
8	Completed: Barry Goodman will provide the final display to Town staff in advance of the first market of the season.
9	Completed

9. Staff Reports

None

10. New Business

a) Roundtable Discussion

Natalie Deveau, Chair, shared that this item on the agenda is an opportunity to share any questions, comments, thoughts and perspectives.

- There may be opportunities to encourage active transportation alongside the Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance (OVCATA) which could include courses for children on bicycle safety on active roadways.
- As the FoodCycler pilot project results come forward, further discussions around composting would be beneficial to see if there are community needs and opportunities to divert organic waste from the landfill.
- Priority setting should be added to the committee's agenda to create a plan for the coming year.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 010-24

Moved by Alexis Young

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:48 PM.

Resolution Carried