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Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

June 17th, 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
Ben Shearer, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Ted Strike, Committee Member
Alexis Young, 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 Ted Strike and Alexis Young.

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 012-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, June 17th, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 013-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Barry Goodman

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the May 21st, 2024 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

a) Proposed Priority Setting and Overarching Goals,

Natalie Deveau, Chair, 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 expressed appreciation for the work done to bring together the items of conversation over the last few months into a synthesized document and they welcomed the priorities as presented. It was agreed that informal topic-based working groups would be the best option to have preliminary brainstorming sessions about the topics over the summer. Overviews of the discussions would then be shared and discussed at the September 16th, 2024 committee meeting. Individual committee members identified their interest as outlined below:
 - Healthy Waterways – Barry Goodman and Ben Shearer
 - Reducing Our Carbon Footprint – Alexia Young
 - Waste Reduction – Natalie Deveau
 - Supporting Plants and Wildlife – Chris Toner
- It was agreed that staff would send an email to all committee members with details about the informal topic-based working groups and encouraging their participation over the summer months.

- Additional topics were discussed including the importance of active transportation, monitoring waterways and considering opportunities for electrification for Town-owned lawn care equipment.

b) Draft EAC Survey

Natalie Deveau, Chair, provided an overview of the draft Environmental Advisory Committee survey and responded to questions.

Resolution Number 014-24
 Moved by Natalie Deveau
 Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend the creation of a survey to assist in the setting of committee priorities with the final form and implementation to be carried out by Town staff and reported back to the committee in Fall 2024.

Resolution Carried

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	This item will be completed at this meeting with the presentation on the FoodCycler Pilot Program Results.
6	This item has been completed as it was included within the 2024 Pitch-In Week education materials.

9. Staff Reports

a) FoodCycler Pilot Program Results

Amy Dean, Environmental Engineering Officer, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions.

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

- There will be public drop-off locations for FoodCycler users who do not have a use for the soil residual material. One collection location will be at the Nick Smith Centre and the soil residuals collected would be provided to ButterflyWay Arnprior for use in their pollinator gardens across the region.

Resolution Number 015-24
Moved by Natalie Deveau
Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Environmental Advisory Committee supports a future recommendation to Council to direct staff to work with Food Cycle Science to implement a secondary pilot program in 2024 for food waste recycling units for 100 residences in the Town of Arnprior and purchase carbon filter refills for resale to the public on a cost recovery basis, with the total net cost to the Town being \$11,200 to be funded from the Waste Management Reserve Fund.

Resolution Carried

b) Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Update

Amy Dean, Environmental Engineering Officer, 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 asked for more information on the Nick Smith Centre Arena Slab Replacement project and its impact on the building's energy efficiency.
- Committee members asked for more information to be presented to a future committee meeting on the Town's vehicle and equipment fleet and potential electrification opportunities.

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.

Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk, shared that committee members should reach out to confirm if they wish to attend the Arnprior Sunday Market which will take place weekly on Sundays until the end of September 2024.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 016-24
Moved by Billy Denault
Seconded by Barry Goodman

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:57 PM.

Resolution Carried

Appendix A
Action Item Summary (Updated)

Ref. No.	Item	Date Assigned	Responsible Party
1	Obtain a copy of the Community Action Arnprior presentation on Greening Business	2024-03-18	Billy Denault
2	Implement webpage content for Environmental Initiatives through identification of resources, events, etc.	2024-03-18	All
3	Identify priorities for potential data collection activities (i.e. survey).	2024-03-18	Alexis Young
4	Identify priorities for potential public engagement activities (i.e. Arnprior Sunday Market, public events, etc.).	2024-03-18	All
5	Add garbage bins into the passive park in the Marshall's Bay Meadows Subdivision until the park construction is completed with permanent benches and waste receptacles.	2024-03-18	Graeme Ivory
6	Create education materials and information regarding how to reduce yard waste.	2024-03-18	
7	Create education materials and information regarding how to create native pollinator gardens and support seasonal plantings that are supportive of native species.	2024-03-18	
8	Create education materials and information regarding how to recycle appropriately (what can be recycled, how should it be separated, impacts of recycling, etc.).	2024-03-18	
9	Create education materials and information regarding how to deal with invasive species and how to report invasive species on Town property.	2024-03-18	Barry Goodman

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Green = Completed Items on Action List

10	Review available tree planting grants and other opportunities to support the growth of the tree canopy across the community (on public and private properties).	2024-03-18	
11	Work with the Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance (OVCATA) on active transportation and bike safety education opportunities.	2024-05-21	
12	Bring forward more information on pollinator-friendly policies and how they could be implemented through Town by-laws and policies.	2024-05-21	Amy Dean Oliver Jacob
13	Bring forward more information on the Nick Smith Centre Arena Slab Replacement project and its impact on the building's energy efficiency.	2024-06-17	John Steckly Graeme Ivory
14	Bring forward more information to be presented to a future committee meeting on the Town's vehicle and equipment fleet and potential electrification opportunities.	2024-06-17	John Steckly Graeme Ivory

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Completed Items:

Item	Status	Responsible Party
Invite the Carleton Place Environmental Advisory Committee to be a delegation at a future meeting.	Completed	Amy Dean
Provide more information about the MacNamara Field Naturalists Club and its 40 th anniversary plans.	Completed	Barry Goodman
Organize Earth Day activities and participation in National Earth Day workshop.	Completed	Amy Dean
Organize Pitch-In Week (April 29 th , 2024 to May 5 th , 2024) activities.	Completed	Lucas Power Amy Dean
Provide more information about the Great Arnprior Trash Hunt and how the EAC can get involved.	Completed	Alexis Young
Provide electronic copies of Town by-laws and policies with regard to environmental issues (as listed in the March 18 th , 2024 Environmental Advisory Committees PowerPoint Presentation).	Completed	Oliver Jacob
Provide an update regarding The Great Arnprior Trash Hunt and its impact at the next EAC meeting.	Completed	Alexis Young
Create a sorting guide tool for use at public events.	Completed	Barry Goodman
Coordinate with the organizers of The Great Arnprior Trash Hunt to determine locations that are completed and in need of additional clean-up.	Completed	Amy Dean
Provide results of the FoodCycler pilot project when compiled / available	Completed	Amy Dean
Prepare messaging for how to safely collect garbage materials through clean-up efforts (i.e. Pitch-In Canada poster, animal waste, hazardous materials, etc.).	Completed	Amy Dean

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