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Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

September 16th, 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

Committee Members Absent:

Ben Shearer, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

John Steckly, GM, Operations
Amy Dean, Environmental
Engineering Officer
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Services
Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk
Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services
Coordinator

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 017-24
Moved by Billy Denault
Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, September 16th, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 018-24
Moved by Alexis Young
Seconded by Barry Goodman

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the June 17th, 2024 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

None

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 presented at the next meeting.
2	This item will be reviewed after the survey results have been received.
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5	Staff indicated that the garbage bins should be installed on Friday, September 20 th , 2024.

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6	This item will be reviewed after the survey results have been received.
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8	This item will be reviewed after the survey results have been received.
10	Staff indicated that they are currently looking into grants to support tree canopy growth in public spaces.
11	Interest in pursuing a bike safety program given the increase use of active transportation, especially amongst youth.
12	Staff will be reviewing the Clean Yards By-Law and will bring this item for preliminary discussion at the November meeting.
13	Staff indicated that the primary energy efficiency change for this project will be the change of the refrigerant that is used to cool the ice.
14	Staff indicated that they are looking into the long-term options for integrating electric vehicles to the Town's fleet, including an electric Zamboni.

9. Staff Reports

None

10. New Business

a) Review of Discussions Regarding Priorities

Barry Goodman, Committee Member, provided a PowerPoint Presentation, attached as Appendix A and forming a part of these minutes, regarding Healthy Water Systems in the Town of Arnprior.

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

- Committee Members seemed interested in doing a shoreline clean-up for invasive species near the Marina and/or McLean Avenue Beach in late fall or early spring.
- Staff highlighted the Road Salt Management Plan the Town has and that a mix of sand and salt is used for winter maintenance depending on the conditions.

- The Committee indicated an interest in reaching out to the Ottawa Riverkeepers to learn about their programs and potential areas for collaboration and support.
- Staff indicated that they would present the results of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan to the Committee once it is completed.

b) Garden Awards

Oliver Jacob (Deputy Clerk), Graeme Ivory (Director of Recreation), and Kaitlyn Wendland (Client Services Coordinator) shared that a member of the public had expressed interest in the implementation of garden awards for private properties and that staff would like to get feedback from the Committee on this proposed initiative.

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

- Committee Members would like to see these awards used as an opportunity to promote pollinator gardens and growing native species of plants.
- It was noted that this would be a good educational opportunity for the community and that it would raise awareness of the importance of pollinator gardens.
- Staff indicated that they would come back to the Committee with further information before the end of the year and that they would bring a final plan by Spring 2025.

c) Roundtable Discussion

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

Amy Dean, Environmental Engineering Officer, informed the committee that Waste Reduction Week 2024 happens from October 21st to 27th and asked the committee if they had ideas of how the Town of Arnprior could mark Waste Reduction Week. The Committee agreed that an Upcycle Challenge would be a good way to engage the community. Staff will report back to the Committee with the finalized plans for Waste Reduction Week in advance of the next meeting.

Chris Toner, Vice Chair, informed the Committee that he has been noticing lots of cigarette butts littered throughout town. He asked the Committee for their input on how to address this problem. Staff indicated that they would look into clean ups in the

downtown core and that they would look into recycling programs, such as TerraCycle, for options.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 019-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:12 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	Create education materials and information regarding how to reduce yard waste.	2024-03-18	
6	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	
7	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	
8	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
9	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	

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Green = Completed Items on Action List

10	Work with the Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance (OVCATA) on active transportation and bike safety education opportunities.	2024-05-21	
11	Bring forward more information on pollinator-friendly policies and how they could be implemented through Town by-laws and policies.	2024-05-21	Oliver Jacob
12	Create a plan for an Invasive Species Shoreline Clean Up in the late fall or early spring.	2024-09-16	Barry Goodman
13	Develop bike safety materials and/or program for youth to encourage safe active transportation.	2024-09-16	Alexis Young Chris Toner Kaitlyn Wendland
14	Bring forward the results of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan upon completion.	2024-09-16	John Steckly
15	Bring forward a plan for the Town of Arnprior to do pollinator garden awards.	2024-09-16	Kaitlyn Wendland
16	Bring forward a plan for Waste Reduction Week 2024.	2024-09-16	Amy Dean
17	Identify potential solutions for the increased number of cigarette butts littered through the Town.	2024-09-16	Chris Toner Amy Dean
18	Explore options for including signage at the Marina to ask boaters to rinse their boats off after use.	2024-09-16	Graeme Ivory

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19	Seek further information from Ontario Power Generation about fish migration around the dam.	2024-09-16	
20	Work with Ottawa Riverkeepers on protecting our waterways.	2024-09-16	Barry Goodman

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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

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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.	Completed	Graeme Ivory
Bring forward more information on the Nick Smith Centre Arena Slab Replacement project and its impact on the building's energy efficiency.	Completed	John Steckly Graeme Ivory
Bring forward more information to be presented to a future committee meeting on the Town's vehicle and equipment fleet and potential electrification opportunities.	Completed	John Steckly Graeme Ivory

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