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**Town of Arnprior
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting**

Date: Monday, March 17th, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Council Chambers – 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Land Acknowledgement**
4. **Adoption of Agenda**
5. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**
6. **Adoption of Previous Minutes**
 - a) **Committee Minutes – November 18th, 2024** (Page 1-4)
7. **Presentations / Delegations**
 - a) **Textile Repair Café**, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator, Jessica Schultz, A/Environmental Engineering Officer (Page 5)
8. **Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**
 - a) **Action Item Summary** (Page 6-9)
9. **Staff Reports (by Department)**
10. **New Business**
 - a) **Update on Marina Signage**, Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation (Page 10)
 - b) **Earth Day Ideas**, Jessica Schultz, A/Environmental Engineering Officer
 - c) **Committee Work Plan Discussion**
11. **Adjournment**

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Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

November 18th, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers – Town Hall

Committee and Staff Attendance

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Natalie Deveau, Chair

Town Staff Present:

Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Jessica Schultz, A/Environmental
Engineering Officer
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services
Coordinator
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Chris Toner, Vice 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 Natalie Deveau, Chair.

3. Land Acknowledgment

Chris Toner, Vice 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 023-24
Moved by Billy Denault
Seconded by Alexis Young

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, November 18th, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 024-24
Moved by Barry Goodman
Seconded by Alexis Young

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

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

a) Water Filtration Plant and Water Pollution Control Centre Building Condition Assessment

Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer, presented the Water Filtration Plant and Water Pollution Control Centre Building Condition Assessments to Committee members, as included in the agenda package.

b) Water and Wastewater Master Plan

John Steckly, General Manager of Operations, presented the Water and Wastewater Master Plan to Committee members, with the following being a summary of the discussion that ensued:

- Committee members inquired about the capacity requirements of the water and wastewater treatment plants. Town staff indicated that there is internal tracking of the potential future demands on both plants to determine reserve capacity.
- Committee members inquired if the Town's growth projections account for increased density. Town staff indicated that the increased density in new developments has been accounted for.
- Committee members asked if the cost modelling included revenues that would come from development. Town staff indicated that there is a separate user-fees study on water and wastewater rates.

- Committee members inquired about if the Town will need a second water tower. Town staff indicated that there is currently no need for a second water tower and given the forecasted expansion, there remains no need at this time.

8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

a) Review Action Items Summary Table

Councillor Chris Toner, Vice 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
2	Marketing and Economic Development Officer will attend the next meeting to present a plan for website and social media content.
4	Rotary Club is looking to host an Environment Expo and is looking for partnership and support. Alexis Young, Committee Member, will seek more information.
8	Barry Goodman, Committee Member, received information from the Ottawa Riverkeepers.
10	Alexis Young, Committee Member, and Billy Denault, Councillor will work on this over the winter.
11	Discussed later under agenda item 10 (b).
13	Chris Toner, Vice Chair, indicated that Rotary Club would be a great resource.
14	Completed.
15	To be included for the Committee workplan in the spring.
17	Town staff indicated that a few additional receptacles have been ordered, however they will likely wait until the spring to place them around Town.
19	Ben Shearer, Committee Member will be taking the lead on this action item.

9. Staff Reports

None

10. New Business

a) Workplan Discussion

Alexis Young, Committee member, provided an overview for the creation of the Committee's workplan. Committee members agreed to review the priority areas, as identified in the Environmental Advisory Committee's Priorities Survey, and come back in the spring to finalize the workplan.

b) Roundtable Discussion

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk, discussed Naturalized Gardens and that Town staff will continue to monitor for complaints received regarding naturalized gardens, but at this time there is not a recommendation to update any by-laws. Committee members suggested that there may be opportunities to explore educational opportunities for residents to learn more about naturalized gardens.

Barry Goodman, Committee member, highlighted his engagement with the Ottawa River Keepers and their willingness to collaborate on addressing invasive species in Arnprior.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 025-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Ted Strike

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Resolution Carried



Repair Café | Event Proposal

The Manager of Culture/Curator and Environmental Engineering Officer propose to host a **Textile Repair Café** at the Arnprior + District Museum with free admission to the general public in **Spring 2025**. Community members can bring and repair clothing and household textiles with support from knowledgeable neighbours. If successful, we will schedule future repair events, hopefully fostering a **culture of repair** over time.

Background:

This event was developed owing to a resident's suggestion who cited a recent partnership between Ottawa South Eco-Action Network ([OSEAN](#)) and [the Ottawa Tool Library](#). The OTL has experience running repair cafes at their warehouse space, with knowledgeable volunteers and extensive tool selection, repairing kitchen appliances, bicycles, toys, lighting, jewellery, and clothing.

Benefits

Our event will similarly offer encouragement to not contribute to landfills by fixing items participants already own, promoting skills-exchange among neighbours, and socializing, especially connecting older folks who are likely to have these skills with younger generations.

At future events, a local business or non-profit organization might co-host and provide expertise or knowledge of replacement parts for existing household appliances or help repair wooden furniture. Any such organization would raise awareness among their neighbours, perhaps acquiring new customers.

Considerations for the Environmental Advisory Committee

Marketing for this event will take place on social media channels and via flyers at community buildings, i.e., the Library, Nick Smith Centre, and the Museum.

Do you have any advice about how we might build a robust audience for this initiative and create energy around future events? What steps do you recommend? How might you help?

Appendix A
Action Item Summary (Updated)

Ref. No.	Item	Date Assigned	Responsible Party
2	Implement webpage content for Environmental Initiatives through identification of resources, events, etc.	2024-03-18	All
4	Identify priorities for potential public engagement activities (i.e. Arnprior Sunday Market, public events, etc.).	2024-03-18	Natalie Deveau Alexis Young
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
10	Work with the Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance (OVCATA) on active transportation and bike safety education opportunities.	2024-05-21	Billy Denault Alexis Young
11	Bring forward more information on pollinator-friendly policies and how they could be implemented through Town by-laws and policies.	2024-05-21	Kaila Zamojski Kaitlyn Wendland
13	Develop bike safety materials and/or program for youth to encourage safe active transportation.	2024-09-16	Alexis Young Chris Toner
15	Bring forward a plan for the Town of Arnprior to do pollinator garden awards.	2024-09-16	

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17	Identify potential solutions for the increased number of cigarette butts littered through the Town.	2024-09-16	Chris Toner Amy Dean
19	Seek further information from Ontario Power Generation about fish migration around the dam.	2024-09-16	

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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
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

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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
Obtain a copy of the Community Action Arnprior presentation on Greening Business	Completed	Billy Denault
Identify priorities for potential data collection activities (i.e. survey).	Completed	Alexis Young
Review available tree planting grants and other opportunities to support the growth of the tree canopy across the community (on public and private properties).	Completed	John Steckly Graeme Ivory
Create a plan for an Invasive Species Shoreline Clean Up in the late fall or early spring.	Completed	Barry Goodman
Bring forward a plan for Waste Reduction Week 2024.	Completed	Kaitlyn Wendland
Explore options for including signage at the Marina to ask boaters to rinse their boats off after use.	Completed	Graeme Ivory
Work with Ottawa Riverkeepers on protecting our waterways.	Completed	Barry Goodman
Bring forward the results of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan upon completion.	Completed	John Steckly

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CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY



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IT'S THE LAW:

Before transporting overland:

- ✓ **CLEAN** any plants, animals, or algae from your watercraft, trailer, and equipment
- ✓ **DRAIN** by removing drain plugs (e.g. transom, bilge, motor, live-well, ballast) to allow water to drain from the watercraft

GO ABOVE AND BEYOND:

- ✓ **DRY** the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow wet areas to air dry. Consider **CLEANING** with hot and/or pressurized water

KNOW THE BOATER REGULATIONS

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