



**Town of Arnprior
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, April 22nd, 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 – March 17th, 2025** (Page 1-5)
- 7. Presentations / Delegations**
 - a) **Webpage Updates**, Kelley Jaros, A/Marketing and Economic Development Officer
- 8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**
- 9. Staff Reports (by Department)**
- 10. New Business**
 - a) Committee Work Plan Discussion
 - b) Roundtable Discussion
- 11. Adjournment**

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Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

March 17th, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers – Town Hall

Committee and Staff Attendance

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Town Staff Present:

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Kaitlyn Wendland, Client Services
Coordinator
John Steckly, GM, Operations
Jessica Schultz, A/Environmental
Engineering Officer
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Emily Stovel, Manager of
Culture/Curator

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.

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 001-25

Moved by Alexis Young

Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, March 17th, 2025 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 002-25

Moved by Barry Goodman

Seconded by Ben Shearer

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the November 18th, 2024 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

a) Textile Repair Café

Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator and Jessica Schultz, Acting Environmental Engineering Officer, provided the Committee with an overview of the Textile Repair Café event happening on April 19th, 2025. They indicated that they have seen lots of success elsewhere with Repair Café events and are going to start with a sewing repair café as the first event. Committee Members inquired about potential community partnerships and staff indicated that they are exploring as many potential partnerships as they can.

8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

a) Review Action Items Summary Table

Natalie Deveau, Chair, asked that the Committee to include the outstanding Action Items as part of the Workplan Discussion and transition them into the Committee's Workplan. Committee Members agreed with this approach.

9. Staff Reports

None

10. New Business

a) Update on Marina Signage

Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation, provided an update to the Committee on invasive species signage for the Marina. Staff received signage and printed materials from the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans to be put up at the Marina in advance of boating season. The printed materials will be made available at other Town facilities as well. Committee Members asked if there would be availability to share these materials around Town and staff indicated yes and that the Town could procure more copies.

Committee Members inquired about potential options for support for boaters in washing their boats for invasive species at the Marina. Staff indicated that this would likely be part of the larger Marina Revitalization, as there would be many factors to consider. Committee Members inquired about the potential for partnerships in the community to support this initiative, and staff indicated that they could explore options.

Councillor Chris Toner left the table at 7:03 PM and returned at 7:05 PM.

b) Earth Day Ideas

Jessica Schultz, Acting Environmental Engineering Officer, asked the Committee to provide feedback on ideas for Earth Day 2025. Staff proposed doing another virtual workshop this year after the success of the one hosted in 2024. Committee Members supported this idea and suggested booking the “Saving Money and the Environment: It Starts at Home” workshop.

Alexis Young, Committee Member, highlighted a community event – “The Great Arnprior Trash Hunt” that she is helping organize on April 26th, 2025 – Pitch In Day. Alexis also inquired about whether the Town’s website could be updated with information from the Committee in advance of Earth Day. Staff indicated, this would be possible.

Staff and Committee Members indicated other potential options to consider for Earth Day events, either this year or in the future:

- A native species event
 - This event was discussed as being better suited for the Fall. Staff noted they would return with further information on Tree Planting ideas.
- Creating educational opportunities regarding e-waste, as many questions are currently received from residents.
- Supporting animal habitats could be something the Committee explore.

c) Workplan Discussion

Natalie Deveau, Chair, opened this discussion and invited staff to provide a framework for the conversation. The Town Clerk, suggested to the Committee that their workplan should focus on what the Committee can accomplish before the end of their term in 2026. Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being the resulting draft workplan:

| Focus 1: Support Local Flora | Update/ Completed |
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| Pollinator garden in Town | |
| Educational materials for residents about native and pollinator species | |
| Garden Awards | |
| Understanding heritage/natural protected sites zoning | Town Planner will come to the Committee to discuss. |
| Dark Sky Initiative | Alexis Young to bring to the next Committee meeting. |
| Bee City Canada Initiative | |
| Focus 2: Waste Reduction | Update/ Completed |
| Alternatives to traditional curbside green bin collection | |
| Foodcycler Promotion | |
| Educational materials to support proper recycling | |
| Focus 3: Healthy Waterways | Update/ Completed |
| Reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species | Signage to be installed at Marina |
| Educational materials to support residents in reducing invasive species spread | |
| Options for cleaning boats at marina | |
| Focus 4: Carbon Footprint Reduction | Update Completed |
| Increase efficiencies/energy conservation at Town Buildings | |
| Supporting active transportation | Plan to host a bike safety session |
| Energy efficiencies in new developments | Town Planner will come to the Committee to discuss. |

Committee Members noted they would finalize their workplan for posting on their webpage, and for working through over the remaining term, over the next couple meetings.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 003-25

Moved by Alexis Young

Seconded by Ben Shearer

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:44 PM.

Resolution Carried