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Town of Arnprior

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, October 20, 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**
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 - a) **Committee Minutes – September 15th, 2025** (Page 1-5)
- 7. Presentations / Delegations**
 - a) **Art and Climate Change Project**, Manager of Culture/Curator
 - b) **Waste Reduction Week Initiatives**, Environmental Engineering Officer
 - c) **Marina Native Pollinator Meadow Update**, Environmental Engineering 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
September 15th, 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
Lessia Stefanison, Committee Member
Ted Strike, Councillor (6:52 PM)
Alexis Young, Committee Member

Committee Members Absent:

Ben Shearer, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Sheena Baum, A/Environmental
Engineering Officer
Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of
Community Services/Planner
Kelly Vieira, Client Services
Coordinator
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 except Councillor Ted Strike and 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 011-25

Moved by Barry Goodman

Seconded by Lessia Stefanison

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, September 15th, 2025, be adopted as amended, with the removal of item 7b.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 012-25

Moved by Alexis Young

Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the June 16th, 2025, Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

a) Just Good Compost, Will Affleck

Will Affleck, representative of Just Good Compost, provided a presentation about their initiatives and services, noting these services are now available in Arnprior and surrounding areas for private residents to subscribe to.

Discussion ensued among Committee members, with the following being a summary of the comments:

- This company can take by-products of Food Cycler materials.
- The Town of Carleton Place is providing a rebate to their residents who participate in this program.
 - Committee Members discussed the possibility of making a recommendation to Council about providing a subsidy to residents for utilizing services like Just Good Compost.
- The Town can look into posting the information for these services on their website and social media for resident information.
- Staff can investigate if this information about Just Good Compost can be featured in Arnprior Life's Winter Issue.
- The pamphlets provided by Just Good Compost can be placed in the lobby for residents to pick up.

- Vice Chair Toner noted he would be able to provide this company with information to connect with the schools and other service industries and organizations in our community.

Councillor Ted Strike arrived at 6:52 PM.

c) Dark Sky Initiative, Alexis Young, Committee Member

Alexis Young, Committee Member, provided the Committee with an overview of the presentation provided in the package.

Alix Jolicoeur, Manager of Community Services/Planner discussed the Town's Sign By-law and Official Plan.

Discussion ensued among Committee members, with the following being a summary of the comments received:

- Feedback from businesses and staff varies widely on whether or not to adopt this initiative.
- The Town is looking at bringing in an LED sign component to the Sign By-law.
- More research is required on colour temperatures.
- The draft Sign By-law will come for feedback for this Committee to review and discuss further.
- Highlighted official plan comments and opportunity for feedback in future.

Councilor Chris Toner, Vice Chair, asked that the Town look into focusing on local level initiatives for people's homes in the meantime. Also to investigate sharing resources, and support community implementation.

Sheena Baum, Environmental Engineering Officer, advised of local places to get dark sky certified fixtures.

8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

9. Staff Reports

None

10. New Business

a) Pollinator Garden Updates, Chris Toner, Vice-Chair and Alexis Stefanison, Committee Member

Chris Toner, Vice-Chair and Alexis Stefanison, Committee Member, provided an update for the Committee on the Pollinator Garden, noting that there has been an

approved grant with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, supplying seed, signage, and plants for spring and some money to the Town. Location is to be the meadow garden by the Town Marina. Remediation of the space and removal of invasive species is required prior to beginning. Sheena Baum, Environmental Engineering Officer, noted that she will assist in the removal process of the invasive species.

Committee members asked to provide a community planting date. Staff noted that more information will come forward as an update at the next meeting.

b) Safe Bicycling and Active Transportation, Lessia Stefanison, Committee Member

Lessia Stefanison, Committee Member discussed the following:

- Cycle tourism in Renfrew County is taking place in October.
- Share the road signage is lacking in the community, and it was asked if staff could look into getting more of this signage posted throughout Town in appropriate areas. Discussion ensued surrounding signage options for active transportation. It was noted by staff that more biking infrastructure is included as part of the Transportation Master Plan.
- More education is needed for residents on how to work with motorists/bikers.
- Committee Member noted that they would share link with the Committee for the Almonte Cycling Event taking place on October 17, 2025, at a cost of \$30.

c) Committee Workplan Discussion

Natalie Deveau, Chair, asked the Committee for any updates regarding the workplan. Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members resulting in the following updates to the workplan:

Focus 1: Support Local Flora	Update/ Completed
Pollinator garden in Town	Discussed earlier
Educational materials for residents about native and pollinator species	
Garden Awards	October meeting
Understanding heritage/natural protected sites zoning	
Dark Sky Initiative	Discussed earlier
Bee City Canada Initiative	Awaiting direction from Council, Mayor to read Proclamation

Focus 2: Waste Reduction	Update/ Completed
Alternatives to traditional curbside green bin collection	Discussed
Foodcycler Promotion	Castle Garth input? Updates on continued use?
Educational materials to support proper recycling	
Focus 3: Healthy Waterways	Update/ Completed
Reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species	
Educational materials to support residents in reducing invasive species spread	Completed
Options for cleaning boats at marina	
Focus 4: Carbon Footprint Reduction	Update/ Completed
Increase efficiencies/energy conservation at Town Buildings	
Supporting active transportation	Discussed earlier
Energy efficiencies in new developments	Ben Shearer, Committee Member Alexis Young, Committee Member

d) Roundtable Discussion

Kaitlyn Wendland, Deputy Clerk, noted that the Town will be putting together a Proclamation with information and theme days for Waste Reduction Week.

Barry Goodman, Committee Member, provided information about the McNamara Trail Celebration.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 013-25

Moved by Ted Strike, Councillor

Seconded by Alexis Young, Committee Member

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Resolution Carried