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Town of Arnprior

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, June 15, 2026

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) **Regular Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2026** (Page 1-5)
- 7. Presentations / Delegations**
- 8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**
- 9. Staff Reports (by Department)**
 - a) **Discussion Items:**
 - i. **Municipal Climate Projects: Tree Planting and Waste Diversion**
– Manager of Culture/ Curator
 - ii. **Environmental Engineering Update – Meadow, Tree Planting, Bee City** – Environmental Engineering Officer
- 10. New Business**
 - a) Summary of Work Plan – to be presented to Council
 - b) Roundtable Discussion
- 11. Adjournment**

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Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

May 19th, 2026

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
Lessia Stefanison, Committee Member

Committee Members Absent:

Ted Strike, Councillor
Alexis Young, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Kelly Vieira, Client Services
Coordinator
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Sheena Baum, A/Environmental
Engineering Officer
Amy Dean, Environmental
Engineering Officer
Andrew Hoogenboom, Plant
Operator, Waterworks

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 005-26
Moved by Barry Goodman
Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting dated Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 006-26
Moved by Lessia Stefanison
Seconded by Chris Toner

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the March 30th, 2026, Environmental Advisory Committee meetings be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

None

8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

9. Staff Reports

a) Draft Action Plan – Bee City Initiative – Environmental Engineering Officer

The Environmental Engineering Officer provided information as an update to the draft action plan for the Bee City Initiative. The Town has plans to continue the annual Bee City Renewal, planting native species, naturalizing habitats, dedicating resources to native plant programs, continuing to engage community involvement, and celebrating pollinators through a Pollinator Week Proclamation.

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

- Hosting community involvement trips to the Macnamara Field Naturalist Club could be possible in the future.
- Education to residents that the Bee City Initiative is not just a Town initiative but that residents can become “Bee Households.”

b) Pollinator Meadow Update – Environmental Engineering Officer

The Environmental Engineering Officer and Acting Environmental Engineering Officer provided an update on the pollinator meadow at the Marina, noting the Canadian Wildlife Foundation (CWF) attended the meadow on May 4, 2026, after the flooding to check on the status. The CWF ecologist has not written off the location of the meadow and advised looking for rudbeckia leaves to prove if we have successful growth later this year. CWF plans to reattend the meadow on June 4, 2026. Due to flooding seeds did not take as well and there are plans to reseed parts of the meadow on May 11th, 2026. Also, in June, 500 new plugs will be planted in sections of the meadow. Arnprior District High School volunteers will be used in the fall to assist with the tilling and reseeding.

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

- Pursuing more funding through the Canadian Wildlife Foundation for future gardens.
- Interest in calculating the tree canopy of the Town after the planting of over 200 trees this year.
- Monitoring the success of the meadow location due to flooding.

c) Rain Barrel Initiative – Plant Operator, Waterworks

The Waterworks Plant Operator provided information on a rain barrel initiative that upcycle barrels received by the Water Filtration plant, which would otherwise have to be disposed of. Rain barrels would be available for residents to pick up and assemble for their homes. Cost for the project is \$85.00 in tools used to make the rain barrels, and \$30 in materials to build each rain barrel. The Town will be offering these to residents for free on a first-come, first-served basis and staff will be attending the Arnprior Market to put this information out to the public.

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

- Requested that the rain barrels be available at the Sunday Market for residents to sign up for throughout the entire season, as they come available.

10. New Business

a) Presentation – Positioning Our Community for the Growing Cycle Tourism Market – Lessia Stefanison, Committee Member

Committee member Lessia Stefanison presented the growing cycle tourism and how Arnprior can become a part of that tourism, as included in the Agenda Package, and responded to questions. This included providing parking, washrooms, and water filling stations at designated trail heads.

Staff noted that due to the timing of this presentation and the finalizing of Committees for the term, it would be recommended that the cyclists form their own community group to start moving forward with the necessary research and reach out to staff with any questions.

b) 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	Complete
Educational materials for residents about native and pollinator species	Complete – on website and with the QR codes
Garden Awards	Remove from the plan
Understanding heritage/natural protected sites zoning	Complete – recommendation
Dark Sky Initiative	Resources on web
Bee City Canada Initiative	Staff have reviewed, will look for support on the application content. Requires Council resolution of support. Creating and promoting habitat, celebration during Pollinator Week.
Focus 2: Waste Reduction	Update/ Completed
Alternatives to traditional curbside green bin collection	Complete – presentation from Just Good compost and foodcycler
Foodcycler Promotion	Complete
Educational materials to support proper recycling	Added more info for the webpage

Focus 3: Healthy Waterways	Update/ Completed
Reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species	Complete
Educational materials to support residents in reducing invasive species spread	Complete
Options for cleaning boats at marina	Previously reviewed – not currently attainable
Focus 4: Carbon Footprint Reduction	Update/ Completed
Increase efficiencies/energy conservation at Town Buildings	Looking into it with Alexis, Natalie, and Ben
Supporting active transportation	Lessia and Alexis to present findings from conference at May meeting. Transportation Master Plan has not yet come to Council
Energy efficiencies in new developments	Ben wanted to ask about this and understand what could be investigated. More to come

c) Roundtable Discussion

Committee members mentioned the topic of concern with invasive species, like the potential of the hammerhead worm, and how we can stop invasive species like these from being brought into Town. This included a discussion on having accountability from developers on the types of plants they bring into developments and residents being educated on invasive species through the Renfrew County District Health Unit. Staff provided information on the levels of government that would be responsible for invasive species and noted that the Town itself does not have authority in most cases .

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 007-26
 Moved by Barry Goodman
 Seconded by Ben Shearer

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:22PM.

Resolution Carried